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# Men pulled from building fire



Kenneth Joshua Loucks, left, was waiting for a Dundas Street bus when he sprang into action to pull a man from a fire on Thursday.

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**Quick action.** Man  
waiting at bus stop  
drags one of two  
victims from blaze



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Two London men were re-  
covering Thursday after being  
pulled from a burning build-  
ing at 541 Dundas St.

One of them can count the  
quick reaction of Kenneth  
Joshua Loucks as part of the  
reason he made it out alive.

Loucks was waiting for a  
bus when he smelled smoke  
coming from the multi-resi-  
dential building at about 9:30  
a.m. When he ran around to  
the opposite side of the build-  
ing to investigate, the smoke  
became thicker.

"I tried to boot the door in,  
but it didn't budge," he said.  
"I think the superintendent  
gave someone else the keys,  
and they opened the door. I  
ran in and the man was lying  
on the ground. All I could see  
were his feet."

Loucks said he and an-  
other man dragged the vic-  
tim, dressed only in a shirt  
and underwear, out of the  
building and into a laneway.

"He kept saying, 'Let me  
go, let me go,' like he didn't  
want to be saved," Loucks  
said.

As they waited for help  
in the laneway, Loucks said  
windows above them began  
to shatter, so he helped the

### Quoted

"He kept saying, 'Let  
me go, let me go,' like  
he didn't want to be  
saved."

Kenneth Joshua Loucks on pulling the  
victim from the burning building

victim move farther from  
harm's way.

"The paramedics came to  
take care of him after that,"  
he said.

Paramedics said the un-  
identified man and another  
person who was rescued by  
firefighters were in good con-  
dition.

The blaze itself started in  
the apartment of the man  
Loucks helped.

London fire spokesman  
Rick Jefferson said fire dam-  
age in the unit is extensive  
and there's smoke damage  
throughout the building.

Students at the adjacent  
H.B. Beal school had to be  
moved to a safe area after  
smoke rushed into the build-  
ing through an air intake sys-  
tem.

The vent was shut and fire-  
fighters aired out the build-  
ing. No one had to be evacu-  
ated, Jefferson said.

The cause is being investi-  
gated.

While firefighters were  
still on the scene, Jefferson  
said a cooking fire in a simi-  
lar building just metres away  
at 393 William St. broke out.

"Luckily, they were al-  
ready there so that one was  
put out quickly," he said.



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# London beams over 200 shiny new jobs

**Canadian Solar.**  
Company making solar panels for Samsung



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Welcome to London was the message, and the joy in the room was palpable.

The official launch of the Canadian Solar factory in southeast London brought South Korean visitors, London politicians and staff together for a celebration of the 200 jobs created since the plant opened in October.

All of those jobs are now filled, and Thursday's big celebration was summed up by Jeong Soo Kim, president and CEO of Samsung in North America.

"We made a commitment to the people of London and we are happy to stand here today and to tell you that we have fulfilled that commitment," he said.

Korean consul-general Geong Kwang Keun, also at

the launch, said the endeavour is the most important partnership between his country and Canada.

And nobody was arguing, despite a three-year gap between that pledge and the plant's creation.

In a city with unemployment of just below eight per cent, new manufacturing jobs had everybody thrilled, especially Coun. Bud Polhill, who was there as acting mayor.

"I appreciate that this company has come to London and come to Canada," Polhill told the Koreans. "We certainly embrace you."

There was no shortage of politicians eager to welcome the factory, which will see Canadian Solar supply solar panels and other components to Samsung for solar projects in Ontario.

There to offer congratulations were MP Ed Holder, provincial energy minister Bob Chiarelli, MPPs Deb Matthews and Peggy Sattler, and councillors Matt Brown, Sandy White and Dale Henderson.



Rick Williams of Canadian Solar and Deb Matthews, London North Centre MPP, take a close look at a solar panel during a tour of the factory Thursday. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

## Green and growing

The Canadian Solar factory in London makes solar panels and medium-voltage power stations to supply Samsung's solar projects in Ontario, including a 100 MW energy park in Haldimand County.

- Samsung's manufacturing partners in the province employ more than 1,000 people.
- MPP Deb Matthews said clean energy companies represent 31,000 jobs in Ontario.

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## Ombudsman. Province to expand office's oversight to schools, municipalities

Ontario will take a "huge leap" with proposed legislation to expand the powers of the ombudsman to provide oversight of municipalities, universities and school boards, ombudsman André Marin said Thursday.

Those three sectors get over \$30 billion a year in direct provincial funding with virtually no oversight on how they spend it, said Marin.

"It's going to allow Queen's Park to follow the money," he said. "The oversight of municipalities will include all the different boards within the cities ... so it's going to be a huge leap in jurisdiction."

Marin said his office has had to turn away about 2,000 complaints a year because it had no jurisdiction over those areas, leaving people with virtually nowhere to turn.

The bill would also give Ontario's children's advocate new powers to deal with complaints about children's aid societies, and create a new patient ombudsman for hospitals, long-term care homes and community care access centres.

Marin, who has long pushed for the authority to investigate the so-called MUSH sector — municipalities, universities, school boards and hospitals — said he didn't think a separate patient ombudsman was the right way to go. He wanted his office to handle those duties.



André Marin TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

"We'll call it the MUS sector, because we lost the H," quipped Marin. "The patient ombudsman unfortunately reports to the bowels of the bureaucracy, not to the minister, not to the legislative assembly."

As an independent officer of the legislature, Marin reports directly to the legislative assembly.

However, Marin did welcome the fact the government is moving to give patients with complaints about the health-care sector somewhere to turn.

"At long last, Ontario is poised to rectify the accident of history that left millions of citizens with nowhere to complain about the public bodies that touched their lives most closely," he said.

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## Crude decision. Enbridge given the go-ahead for controversial Line 9 plan

The National Energy Board has approved energy giant Enbridge's plan to reverse the flow and increase the capacity of a pipeline that has been running between southern Ontario and Montreal for years.

The green light is subject to certain conditions and requirements.

The decision on the controversial Line 9 comes some four months after the federal regulator held public hearings on the Calgary-based company's proposal.

The board says its decision enables Enbridge to "react to market forces and provide benefits to Canadians," while simultaneously implementing the project in a "safe and environmentally sensitive

manner."

Opponents have argued the Line 9 plan — which involves transporting a heavier form of crude — puts communities at risk, threatens water supplies and could endanger vulnerable species in ecologically sensitive areas.

Roberta Cory, president of the Council of Canadians' London branch, called the pipeline "a spill disaster waiting to happen," saying "communities will pay the price" of reversing the flow.

Line 9 originally shuttled oil from Sarnia, Ont., to Montreal, but was reversed in the late '90s in response to market conditions to pump imported crude westward.

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Westmount Shopping Centre isn't dead — it's having a rebirth, its general manager says. COURTESY WESTMOUNT MALL

# Reports of mall's death have been...

### Greatly exaggerated?

Westmount lands on list of world's deadliest shopping centres, but its GM thinks obit writer is riding the crazy Twain



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Reports that Westmount Shopping Centre is "dead" and "desolate" are hogwash, says the mall's general manager.

Twitter hummed Thursday with Londoners weighing

### Quoted

"Although the mall isn't buried yet, it may have to work hard to keep the coffin from being closed."

Yvonne McArthur, writer of the "10 Incredibly Desolate Dead Shopping Malls" article, summing up her analysis of Westmount Shopping Centre

in on an article on the website bestchoicereviews.org that ranked the mall as No. 9 on a list titled "10 Incredibly Desolate Dead Shopping Malls."

And the writer, who first posted the article last year, wasn't limiting her choices to Canada or even North America — she included malls around the world.

Here's how author Yvonne

McArthur described Westmount's troubles:

"By the beginning of the 21st century, though, Westmount's fortunes began to wane. Not only did it have two other malls and various big box retailers to contend with, but it also wasn't in as good a location as the main competition."

She completed her analysis of the mall with the fol-

lowing:

"Although the mall isn't buried yet, it may have to work hard to keep the coffin from being closed."

Not even close, argued general manager Celeste Nickle, who said the best is yet to come.

"Westmount Shopping Centre recently completed an extensive renovation project that included the addition of Target as a major anchor tenant," she said. "The additional offices and medical services that occupy our upper level have created over 230 employment opportunities."

She added that new stores are on the horizon.

### No. 9 but feelin' fine

The bestchoicereviews.org writer that placed Westmount mall as No. 9 on a list titled 10 Incredibly Desolate Dead Shopping Malls also included these not-so-hot spots from around the world:

**1** New South China Mall, Guangdong Province, China

**2** Friars Walk, Reading, England

**3** Randall Park, North Randall, Ohio

**4** Omega Plaza, Novosibirsk, Russia

**5** Dixie Square Mall, Harvey, Illinois

**6** Hollywood Fashion Center, Hollywood, Florida

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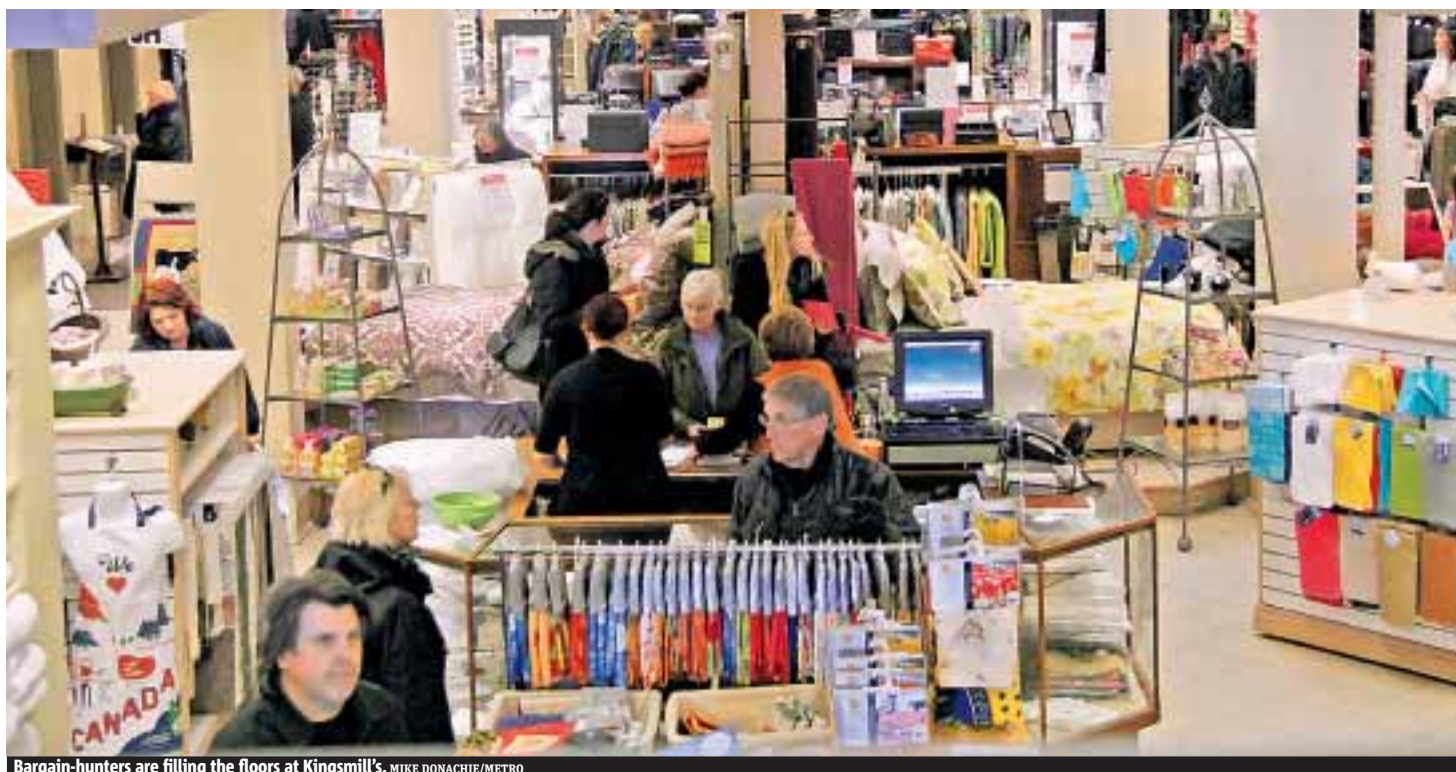
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Bargain-hunters are filling the floors at Kingsmill's. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

# Everything must go at the historic Kingsmill's

**Liquidators take charge.** Big sale underway at London department store



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It's going to be "the biggest sale in Canada," say the men running the last days of Kingsmill's.

Everything must go, say the liquidators from SCG Solu-

tions Consulting Group, and they really do mean everything.

Rex MacKenzie and Roger LaPlante are in charge of selling everything in the historic store. They're from Vancouver and have come to London to do the job.

Already, people are making offers for the shelving and other fixtures after the start of the downtown store's last sale. The store, which has been around for almost a century and a half, is filled with signs announcing bargains, with 25 per cent off many items.

Eventually, the entire Dundas Street building will be empty.

"As long as inventory is here, we'll be here," MacKenzie said Thursday as the sale started.

"We're going to run out of inventory sooner or later. Hopefully, it's sooner than later."

MacKenzie and LaPlante have been in business together for eight years, and have decades of retail experience.

It's a tough time for the 60 Kingsmill's staff, who are being laid off department by

## Quoted

**"Tim Kingsmill wants this sale to be a thank you to London. Kingsmill's is going out with a bang."**

Rex MacKenzie, liquidator

department.

"They're up for it," said MacKenzie when asked about the staff's mood. "They are losing their jobs. They get it."

"But they understand that the Kingsmills have been good to them. The Kingsmills are the salt of the Earth. They're just the nicest people you

want to meet."

The closure of Kingsmill's comes as president Tim Kingsmill, 59, the great-grandson of its founder, plans his retirement.

Efforts are being made to sell the business, and a deal to sell the building to Pillar Non-profit Network has collapsed.

## Ward 2

### Community leader joins city hall race

There's a new face in the race for an east London council ward, and it's one that lots of people will know.

Nancy McSloy, who has been active in organizations in Argyle for many years, wants to be the new councillor for Ward 2.

It's a hot spot in the coming municipal election. Already, there's Steve Polhill, son of veteran councillor Bud Polhill, taking a third try at beating Coun. Bill Armstrong, and there's a fourth candidate, Tammy Lee Marche.

But McSloy's a big name in the area, after years in a leading role with the Argyle Business Improvement Area and involvement in groups including the Argyle Community Association.

"I've been able to talk to so many people that live in the area, to see what they feel its needs are," said McSloy, a mother of three and grandmother of five who's lived in the area for 31 years. "I constantly hear the west end gets more than the east end does. That's something that probably needs to be looked at."

Other issues include improved safety in neighbourhoods, she said, the need for affordable housing, better activities and, of course, jobs. Getting to the jobs is a big problem, too, said McSloy, and she wants transit routes changed so workers can get to factory jobs on time.

MIKE DONACHIE/METRO



Nancy McSloy. CONTRIBUTED

## Cyclist injured. London police search for more info in hit-and-run

London police are asking for the public's assistance in the investigation into the hit-and-run collision between a cyclist and what's believed to be an older-style silver SUV.

The crash happened about 2:20 a.m. Saturday on Commissioners Road just west of West-end Counties Road.

The vehicle didn't stop after

striking the 26-year-old cyclist, who police say will be forced to undergo ongoing medical treatment for his injuries.

It's believed a woman was on scene before officers arrived. If that information is accurate, they'd like to speak with her.

Anyone with information can call police at 519-661-5670.

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## Girl power. CIBC to provide \$1.5M in Ivey, Rotman scholarships

Prospective female students to Western's Richard Ivey School of Business could get a little boost thanks to a big investment from CIBC.

The company is committing \$1.5 million to 48 CIBC Women in Financial Services Scholarships and diversity education at Ivey and the Rotman School of Management

at University of Toronto.

In addition to the scholarships and classroom support, CIBC business leaders will mentor recipients, offer practical experience and on-the-job training through internships. There will also be options for participating in workshops and networking events. METRO

## Fire safety. Time to change those smoke alarm batteries, London

The London Fire Department is reminding people to replace the batteries in their smoke alarms when the clocks are adjusted ahead one hour this weekend.

"Installing and maintaining working smoke alarms on every storey of a home and near all sleeping areas is the law," said Rick Jefferson, the fire de-

partment's public information co-ordinator.

Tampering with a smoke alarm or removing the batteries can result in a fine of up to \$50,000. For rental properties, landlords are responsible for installing and maintaining the required number of smoke alarms.

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The kids may be off school next week, but spring is noticeably absent. Still, don't be trapped indoors by the weather. Here are just five of the main activities planned around London.

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### Join the comic book fun

The Central Library, with lots of help from co-sponsor Heroes Comics, is promising fun at Comic Book Jam on Wednesday. It's all about comic books and art, with giveaways, button-making, a photo booth and plenty of people in costumes. There will also be workshops on creating comic books. The event runs from 1 to 4 p.m. To join a workshop, grab a ticket in person after noon on the day.

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## things to do on March Break

### Tread the boards at The Grand

Teens can take part in a special musical-theatre camp all week to learn about the smell of greasepaint and the roar of the crowd. The Grand Theatre is offering the intensive camp from Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., for high school students. It includes lessons about Broadway songs, monologues and dance, with mentoring by professionals. Contact the theatre for more information.



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### Get your skates on again

Yes, there's outdoor skating during March Break. It was supposed to have ended by now, but the city has extended the free skating at Victoria Park and outside Covent Garden Market. It will continue until the end of the week and is open to all. The skating happens every year thanks to sponsorship by the Rotary Club.



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### Travel in time at Eldon House

London's oldest house is ready to welcome visitors all week, with something happening every day. It's open to the public as normal on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from noon to 5 p.m., offering tours, educational games and crafts. On Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Eldon House is offering day camps for kids aged six to 12. Activities include a tea party and costume fun. Call Eldon House to register.



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### Dig up something interesting

There are special extended hours at the Museum of Ontario Archaeology for March Break. It's open every day from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a gallery tour, scavenger hunt and the new winter archaeology exhibit. People can also tour the reconstructed longhouse and see artifacts from the Fugitive Slave Chapel. Pop-up activities will be posted daily to the museum's Facebook and Twitter.



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# Odd numbers: London Knights' birthdays earlier than most

## It's a party a day.

Team's roster marks big birth week, highlighting peculiar pattern of its players' birth dates



**DAVE LANGFORD**  
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This has been a week of birthdays for the London Knights.

First it was Max Domi turning 19 on Sunday — a day partially spoiled by the Knights losing to Peterborough.

Then on Monday, Londoner Brett Welychka had his turn. He was 20. A night out with the team and video games were part of the celebration. Perhaps a small part.

Michael McCarron completes the trifecta with his 19th birthday on Friday. That's game night with the Knights in Kitchener. Dinner with parents will have to wait until the final horn sounds.

"For me and Domi, it's kind of big because (we're) both turning 19, and that's a big birthday in Canada," McCarron, the Michigander, said.

On a roster that has 22 players, three in one week

## By the numbers

### London Knights

- Average age: 19 (18.8 to be exact)
- Oldest player: Zach Bell, 21
- Youngest player: Mitch Marner, 16

### Number of players by age

- 18-year-olds: 6
- 17-year-olds: 1 (Owen MacDonald)
- 19-year-olds: 8
- 20-year-olds: 5
- 21-year-olds: 1 (Zach Bell)
- 16-year-olds: 1 (Mitch Marner)

is a little bit of an oddity. But hold on, it gets stranger. After captain Chris Tierney has his 20th birthday on July 1, there is not one Knights' birthday for the final six months of the year.

"Wow, I didn't know that. That's pretty cool," Domi said.

Fortunately, defenceman Olli Maatta stayed up with the Pittsburgh Penguins. Born on Aug. 22, he would have skewed the "analysis." And forget the bosses as well — Dale Hunter's birthday is July 31 and Mark Hunter is Nov. 12.

London is the only Ontario Hockey League franchise to not have one player born — other than Tierney on the bubble — in the final



It's been a trio of birthdays for the London Knights this week. From left, Max Domi, Michael McCarron and Brett Welychka all celebrated. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

## Milestone birthdays

"For me and (Max) Domi, it's kind of big because (we're) both turning 19, and that's a big birthday in Canada."

London Knights' Michael McCarron

half of the year.

Kitchener, Kingston and Belleville are next with three born in the July to

December window. On the high end are Sudbury and Sarnia with nine and 10 respectively.

Average all the teams and it's 5.9 players per team — 118 in total over 20 teams — that are born "late." So be-

tween 70 and 75 per cent of all current OHL players are born in the first six months of the year.

# Birthday pattern more than a stroke of luck, assistant GM says

London Knights assistant general manager Rob Simpson said the way the roster's birthdays fall is not just chance.

"When you are starting hockey, whether you make AAA or other sports, if you

have that much of a head start and you're that far advanced in growth, it's going to give you an opportunity off the start," Simpson said.

Simpson said the players at any early age have the road cleared for them, one

way or another.

"They might quit or they might not make it and play AA or A or just go play house league, so I think just the fact they have so much more time to develop in those early years, it makes a big differ-

ence," he said.

Dale Hunter said he would like to see the NHL numbers, where about 700 players ply their trade.

"You think it's bigger, stronger earlier. I think it's through the minor hockey

that you must be the better player. It's interesting," he said.

"I've seen a lot of stats on teams, but I've never seen one on birthdays," said player Brett Welychka.

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Rob Simpson METRO FILE



## 13 years later. Texas man can be tried as adult for childhood attack: Judge

A Texas man accused of dousing a boy with gasoline and setting him on fire when he was a teenager can be tried as an adult for murder after the victim died from his burns 13 years later, a judge ruled Thursday.

Authorities allege that Don Willburn Collins was 13 when he attacked Robert Middleton in 1998 on his eighth birthday near the younger boy's home northeast of Houston. Middleton was burned across 99 per cent of his body and endured years of physical therapy before he died in 2011 from skin cancer blamed on his burns.

Colleen Middleton, Robert's mother, said she was relieved the case would go to trial.

"When Robert died we were thinking maybe nothing will ever happen, maybe someone is just going to get away with what they did to him," she said.



Don Willburn Collins  
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"It's been a long road."

Shortly before he died, Middleton gave a videotaped deposition in which he accused Collins for the first time of sexually assaulting him two weeks before the attack. The sexual assault allegation prompted investigators to reopen the case.

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## Pretoria court. Pistorius prayed next to his shot girlfriend, says witness

As the girlfriend he shot in the head lay dead or dying in his home, a weeping, praying Oscar Pistorius knelt at her side and struggled in vain to help her breathe by holding two fingers in her clenched mouth, a witness testified Thursday at the double-amputee runner's murder trial.

"I shot her. I thought she was a burglar. I shot her," radiologist Johan Stipp, a neighbour, recalled Pistorius saying. The worried neighbour had entered Pistorius's home after hearing screams. By that time, the celebrated athlete had carried Reeva Steenkamp's bloodied body downstairs following the fatal nighttime shooting in

### Murder charge

Pistorius is charged with premeditated murder after shooting Steenkamp three times out of four shots through the toilet door, with prosecutors trying to build a case that the Olympian intentionally killed Steenkamp after a loud argument.

his bathroom.

Stipp's account in a Pretoria court was the first public description of the immediate aftermath of the shooting in the pre-dawn hours of Feb. 14 last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Egypt

### Some 40 activists barred from travelling to Gaza

More than 40 women on their way to Gaza as part of a delegation from U.S.-based anti-war group Code Pink for International Women's Day are staging a sit-in inside the Cairo International Airport after being refused entry into the country since Tuesday, airport officials in Egypt and activists said Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Nigeria

### Four convicted of gay sex whipped in Islamic court

Four young men were convicted of gay sex and whipped publicly as punishment Thursday in an Islamic court in Nigeria, a human rights activist said. The four were among dozens caught in a wave of arrests after Nigeria strengthened its criminal penalties for homosexuality. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Ukrainian riot police officers block pro-Russian supporters of activist Pavel Gubarev during a rally in Donetsk, Ukraine, Thursday. Ukraine lurches toward breakup Thursday when lawmakers in Crimea unanimously declared they wanted to join Russia. SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Crimea sets vote to break from Ukraine

## Russian power play. West answers Crimea's move with sanctions

Ukraine lurches toward breakup Thursday when lawmakers in Crimea unanimously declared they wanted to join Russia and would put the decision to voters in 10 days — and Russian lawmakers pushed a bill to facilitate a handover.

U.S. President Barack Obama condemned the moves and the West answered with the first real sanctions against Russia.

Speaking from the White House, Obama said any decisions on the future of Crimea, a pro-Russian area of Ukraine, must include the country's new government.

"The proposed referendum on the future of Crimea would violate the constitution and violate international law," Obama said. "We are well beyond the days when borders can be redrawn over the heads of democratic leaders."

Russian President Vladimir Putin's hand was almost certainly behind Thursday's dramatic developments, but it was not clear whether he is aiming

### Proposed referendum

"This is our response to the disorder and lawlessness in Kyiv. We will decide our future ourselves."

Sergei Shuvainikov, member of the Crimea legislature

for outright annexation, or simply strengthening his hand in talks with the West.

The White House moved to impose financial sanctions and travel restrictions on opponents of Ukraine's new government and the EU also announced limited punitive measures against Putin's government, including the suspension of trade and visa talks. Both Washington and the EU said they were discussing further sanctions.

Crimea's parliament rammed through what amounted to a declaration of independence from Ukraine, announcing it would let the Crimean people, 60 per cent of whom are ethnic Russian, decide whether they want to become part of their neighbour to the east. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Canada's stance

## 'A vestige of another century'

Crimea is under "illegal military occupation" and Canada will not recognize its forthcoming referendum on whether to join Russia, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday. Lawmakers in Crimea voted unanimously to split from Ukraine and join Russia, and will hold a referendum March 16 to allow voters on the disputed peninsula to weigh in on the decision.

Harper described Russia's invasion of Ukraine as an act of aggression and a clear violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and international law.

The prime minister says Canada continues to view the situation in Ukraine "with the gravest concern" and will co-operate with its G7 partners and like-minded allies.

Moscow has so far refused to withdraw its troops from the strategic region, which also houses Russia's Black Sea fleet — a tense standoff that has triggered international sanctions against Russia and visa restrictions on its officials.

Ukraine's prime minister has called the Crimean lawmakers' decision illegitimate, but Russia says if Crimea votes to become part of Russia, they would introduce legislation to speed up the procedure.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said it's impossible to organize a meaningful referendum in the 10-day time frame proposed.

He said Canada is deeply concerned about Russia's military actions.

"This is a vestige of another century," he said. "It's a Soviet-style tactic that's unacceptable for a G8 country and unacceptable in 2014. We're going to condemn it in the strongest of terms."

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# From 'high risk' to hopeful

**International Women's Day.** Lawrence Hill, author of *The Book of Negroes*, writes about his experience volunteering with girls at high risk for sexual assault and HIV exposure



LAWRENCE HILL  
For Metro Canada

As International Women's Day approaches, I wonder how many Hillside High Schools exist in the world. But I would bet good money that there is no Hillside High School like the one I saw in Manzini, Swaziland.

In early February I had travelled to Swaziland as a volunteer to support the work of Crossroads International and its local de-

velopment partner, the Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA).

The girls greeted me by singing at the top of their lungs. There were nearly 100 girls crammed into a room with no open windows. Finally, a teacher held up her hand, brought the singing to a halt and asked what was on the girls' minds lately.

The answers came ringing out lucidly and unadorned: Was it appropriate for a high school girl to take up with a sugar daddy? What if they were exposed to HIV and died like their parents? What about teenage pregnancy?

Swaziland has the highest rate of HIV in the world, and young women are the hardest hit of all.

According to a study in 2008, 37 per cent of girls between 15 and 19 have HIV. In Swaziland, one girl in three will be sexually abused before age 18. The wave of sexual violence is so unrelenting that SWAGAA has created a network of "girls' empower-



Author Lawrence Hill with a girls' empowerment club in Swaziland. COURTESY CROSSROADS INTERNATIONAL

ment clubs" to teach girls about their legal rights, issues of sexual reproductive health, and the need to oppose and report abuse.

The day after I visited Hillside High School, I gave a creative writing workshop.

Almost every girl in the group of 20 spoke or wrote about sexual assault. One girl began a writing exercise with these words: "Darkness has been my only mentor."

Crossroads International, a small Canadian NGO I have

been supporting as a volunteer for 35 years, directs its development activities to girls and women in various African countries and in Bolivia.

In the case of Swaziland, the girls' empowerment

clubs "are saving lives," says SWAGAA executive director Cebile Manzini-Henwood.

"There is urgency in the need to address sexual violence against young girls in my country, to teach them about practices that constitute gender-based violence and provide a safe space for them to report the violations and receive care, love and support."

On the eve of International Women's Day, let's remember girls and women around the world when we are donating from our own pockets and channeling Canadian-led development efforts.

CANADIAN WRITER LAWRENCE HILL FIRST TRAVELLED AS A CROSSROADS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER TO NIGER IN 1979. HE IS AN HONORARY PATRON OF CROSSROADS INTERNATIONAL. HE VISITED SWAZILAND IN FEBRUARY, AFTER SPENDING TWO WEEKS IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE FILMING OF THE TV MINISERIES ADAPTATION OF HIS NOVEL *THE BOOK OF NEGROES*.

# El Niño predicted to make a comeback



Enrique Lagunas digs a trench to redirect water toward a street in Laguna Beach, Calif., after heavy rains from an El Niño storm hit Southern California in 1998. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

U.S. federal forecasters predict a warming of the central Pacific Ocean this year that will change weather worldwide.

The warming, called an El Niño, can mean an even hotter year coming up and billions of dollars in losses for food crops. Australia and South Africa should be dry while parts of South America become dry and parts become wet in an El Niño. Peru suffers the most, getting floods and poorer fishing.

But it could bring good news for some parts of the planet, leading to fewer Atlantic hurricanes and more rain next winter for drought-stricken California and southern U.S. states. It could also

bring a milder winter for the frigid U.S. northern tier next year, meteorologists say.

The U.S.-based National Oceanic Atmospheric and Administration issued an official El Niño watch Thursday. An El Niño is a warming of the central Pacific once every few years, from a combination of wind and waves in the tropics. It shakes up climate around the world, changing rain and temperature patterns.

Mike Halpert, acting director of NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, says the El Niño warming should develop by this summer, but that there are no guarantees. Although early signs are appearing already a few hundred feet below the

ocean surface, meteorologists say an El Niño started to brew in 2012 and then shut down suddenly and unexpectedly.

Kevin Trenberth, a senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, who wasn't part of NOAA's forecast, agreed that an El Niño is brewing.

"This could be a substantial event and I think we're due," Trenberth said. "And I think it could have major consequences."

Scientific studies have tied El Niños to farming and fishing problems and to upticks in insect-borne disease, such as malaria. Commodity traders even track El Niño cycles.

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## El Niño's flip side

The flip side of El Niño is called a La Niña, which has a general cooling effect.

- It has been much more frequent than El Niños lately, with five La Niñas and two small-to-moderate El Niños in the past nine years.
- The last big El Niño was 1997-1998. Neither has appeared since mid-2012. El Niños are usually strongest from December to April.

## Invictus Games

### Idea too good not to steal: Prince Harry

Britain's Prince Harry is launching the Invictus Games, a new sporting event for wounded, injured and sick service personnel.

Inspired by a visit to the Warrior Games in the United States, Harry described the Paralympic-style competition

as "such a good idea by the Americans that it had to be stolen." He told reporters Thursday, "how the power of sport can positively impact the lives of wounded, injured and sick servicemen and women."

The games will be funded in part from a government fund holding proceeds of fines levied on banks for manipulating currency rates.

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Britain's Prince Harry speaks to wheelchair basketball competitors during the launch of the Invictus Games in London. SANG TAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Threats to Legoland

### 'Muslim fun day' cancelled over threats from far-right groups

The Legoland theme park west of London, England, has temporarily closed its hotel after threats from far-right groups forced it to cancel a "Muslim fun day."

The resort had been booked by the Muslim Research and Development Foundation for about 1,000 families. The decision to cancel Sunday's event and close the hotel was made after the popular attraction received threats via phone calls, emails and social media postings. "We are appalled at what has occurred," the company statement said.

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# Oil on Lac-Mégantic train was more volatile than documented

**New report.** Cargo was as flammable as gasoline, says Transportation Safety Board

The Transportation Safety Board says formal lab tests confirm the train that crashed and exploded in Lac-Mégantic, Que., last summer was carrying oil that was more volatile than advertised.

The board says it was actually as flammable as gasoline.

The board took oil samples from nine tank cars that were intact after the crash and subjected them to a rigorous analysis.

The report says the oil



In this July 6, 2013 file photo, emergency workers examine the aftermath of a train derailment and fire in Lac-Mégantic, Que. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

from the cars was a Class 3, PG II product, although it had been documented as a

less volatile Class 3, PG III. The samples were consistent a light, sweet crude

oil, with volatility comparable to that of a condensate or gasoline product.

The July 6 crash and explosion killed 47 people and destroyed much of Lac-

## Quoted

**The samples showed "volatility comparable to that of a condensate or gasoline product."**

Transportation Safety Board report

Mégantic's downtown area after a runaway train belonging to the Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway rolled into town and derailed.

The board says the lower flashpoint of the oil on the train explains in part why it ignited so quickly once the tank cars were breached.

The downtown was engulfed in a fireball as thousands of litres of oil exploded.

The board's investigation continues.

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## PM's ex-advisor under illegal lobbying probe

The RCMP is probing serious new allegations of illegal lobbying by a former senior advisor to Prime Minister Stephen Harper in connection with his work for a powerful business-funded energy advocacy group in Calgary.

The RCMP says after Bruce Carson left the PMO he steadily worked federal Conservative contacts at the topmost levels to influence the development of a new national energy strategy and got handsomely paid for it, contrary to the criminal code and lobbying laws that ban lobbying within five years of a holding a public office.

The revelations raise fresh and troubling questions about the access that Carson, a once disbarred lawyer, had to top officials in the Conservative government without anyone suggesting it might breach the Conservatives' own rules.

"None of them blew the whistle," said NDP ethics critic Charlie Angus. But Harper's parliamentary secretary shrugged off Opposition questions in the Commons Wednesday, first saying Carson is "a private citizen," then claiming the government did refer his activities to federal authorities.

"If this gentleman is found to have broken any laws, he should suffer under the full consequences of the law," said MP Paul Calandra.

In fact, documents show the federal lobbying commissioner initiated in November 2011 her own probe of Carson's questionable lobbying activities for the Canada School of Energy and Environment as well as a business-funded group calling itself the Energy Policy Institute of Canada or EPIC. Karen Shephard finally referred the allegations to the RCMP in July 2012.

The story is laid out in affidavits to obtain court permission to seize Carson's bank records, however no charges have been laid and the RCMP's claims have not been tested in court.

The allegations are entirely separate from another influence peddling case against Carson. Carson was charged in 2012 with fraud in connection to allegations he also tried to use his political connections to win federal contracts for water filtration services on native reserves. That fraud trial was delayed in July due to defence claims Carson is in poor health.

Carson's lawyer Pat McCann

## Connections

It's a sign of how well-connected Carson was that emails eyed by the RCMP tie him to a whole raft of senior Conservative and Liberal contacts, including:

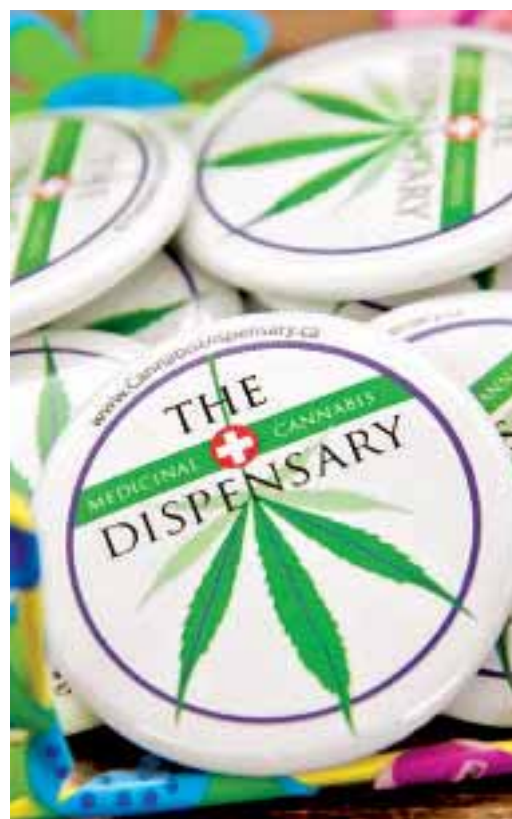
- Harper's top public servant Privy Council clerk Wayne Wouters and former chief of staff Nigel Wright.

could not be reached for comment.

The RCMP says a "prime example" of how Carson used his influence as Harper's former legislative assistant was his successful request to the deputy minister's office at Natural Resources Canada to contribute \$13,000 to fund research the industry group was conducting.

EPIC's lawyers figured the group would be in the clear if Carson's job description was to communicate "for the purpose of information exchange and not to represent EPIC's view, opinion or to ask for a decision from government."

The RCMP says the opposite happened. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



## Hands off pot shops: Cops

Buttons are displayed at The Dispensary in Vancouver on Thursday. The Vancouver police have sent a message to the federal government about its new medicinal marijuana laws saying that they are more concerned with violent drug traffickers and will take a mostly hands-off approach to the many medical pot shops in the city. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Privacy

### Tight-lipped telecom industry

Privacy advocates say they're disappointed with vague responses from Canadian telecommunication companies about when and how they hand customer information to police and security agencies.

Researcher Christopher Parsons, who helped lead the effort to find out more about the practices, says just 10 of 16 Internet and telephone companies responded to a January questionnaire. The initiative comes amid public concern about a move by the federal government to make it easier for authorities to find out more about telecom customers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Montreal

### All nuit long

If a pilot project being proposed by Mayor Denis Coderre is successful, Montrealers might be able to drink till dawn.

Coderre says he doesn't see any reason why watering holes shouldn't be allowed to sell booze until 6 a.m. — a three-hour extension of current licensing laws. THE CANADIAN PRESS



We Day is heading across the pond to its inaugural U.K. event — the first outside of North America — this Friday at Wembley Arena in London. It's expected 12,000 students (including 130 from Canada) and teachers from more than 380 schools will be in attendance ... along with Prince Harry and a number of other celebs.

# The Canadian invasion

**We Day lands in the U.K.** Inaugural event hopes to leave British youth with an infectious message of doing good

**VAWN HIMMELSBACH**  
For Metro Canada

Each year, EF's Global Citizen Scholarship is awarded to 10 students across Canada who demonstrate a passion for global citizenship. And this year, the winners are heading to London and Berlin to participate in We Day U.K. and EF's Science & Innovation Summit in Berlin.

"What's unique about this event is that we have over 130 students from Canada joining with EF Tours to experience our first international We Day event and share their excitement with students in the U.K. who get to see it for the first time," said Craig Kielburger, international activist and co-founder of Free The Children.

Prerana Gambhir, a Grade 12 student with Fraser Heights Secondary in Surrey, B.C., is one of those 10 scholarship students. Gambhir, 17, is head of her school's global issues club and head delegate for the model UN.



Romeo Tello, a councillor with the City Youth Council of Toronto, is hyped to exchange ideas with other youth at We Day U.K. PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

This year, the club is focused on women's empowerment; they're fundraising to support two girls' education in Tanzania and using any excess funds they raise to support micro-financing projects for women in developing countries.

As an immigrant to Canada, Gambhir says she realizes the importance of a free education. "I wanted to contribute and do my bit," she said.

In addition to fundraising through Free The Children's

## Quoted

**"What you want to do is help (recipients) create a self-sufficient lifestyle."**

Prerana Gambhir, a grade 12 student who is passionate about sustainability issues

We Are Silent and We Scare Hunger campaigns, the global issues club has also created its own campaign called Five Days of Fire — a



Prerana Gambhir is the head of her school's global issues club.

five-day competition that includes food and games.

Gambhir feels strongly about the topic of sustainability. A lot of people feel they're doing their part just by raising money, she said, "but what you want to do is help (recipients) create a self-sufficient lifestyle."

With We Day U.K., it means getting that message across to an even larger audience.

Gambhir is excited to see education activist Malala Yousafzai at the event. "I've heard her speeches in the UN and her stories are truly moving," she said. She's also excited to see Evanna Lynch, who plays Luna Lovegood in the Harry Potter movies. "I'm a huge Harry Potter fan," she added.

Romeo Tello, a Grade 11 student with Monarch Park Collegiate in Toronto, is

also on his way to London on scholarship. Tello, 16, is a councillor with the City Youth Council of Toronto, working with local reps on community issues and campaigns. His efforts have led, for example, to the extension of library hours in his community.

He also works with the school's Free the Children club, Minga. Last year, the club sent a group of students to India to help build a school; students are currently raising funds to build a school in Ecuador.

"I'm one of those more fortunate youth who got to see We Day grow into what it is now," said Tello. "I've been to one of the first We Days in Toronto and now I get to go to the first international one."

Like Gambhir, he's excited to see Yousafzai at We Day U.K. But he's also hoping the trip will spark ideas through collaboration with like-minded youth — sort of like an informal forum of ideas.

"In my school we're all from the same neighbourhood — the discussion is pretty similar," said Tello. "These are nine other people from different areas of the country and our views will be different, our strategies will be different ... and hopefully some tangible strategies will come out of that."

## We Day U.K. 101

- Co-chaired by Holly Branson and Lord Rumi Verjee, We Day U.K. features actress Jennifer Hudson, songstress Ellie Goulding, artist Dizze Rascal, and Malala Yousafzai, the international education activist and co-founder of the Malala Fund.
- Free The Children is one of the world's largest youth-driven charities. So far, it's helped to build more than 650 schools, providing education to 55,000 children, in eight developing countries.
- We Day is free to attend; schools earn their tickets by taking action in local and global communities.
- "We have students coming from all over England, Wales, Scotland, the Isle of Man, Northern Ireland and even the Republic of Ireland," said Craig Kielburger. "The young people in the U.K. are already incredibly creative and engaged in service actions and we can't wait to see the impact the first We Day event will have on them."



Malala Yousafzai  
GETTY IMAGES

## So did the chicken or egg get there first?



Hannah Owen says her experience with Free The Children spurred her on to start her own fundraising efforts. PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

In 2010, Hannah Owen went to Rwanda with her dad, actor Clive Owen. She was 13 years old. They were there as guests of Aegis Trust, a British NGO that campaigns to prevent genocide.

It was a life-changing experience. "I had been opened up to the world of Africa ... but I never really had the experience of youth empowerment," she said. It was a trip to Kenya a year later with Me to We — to visit a Free The Children development — that helped her see how youth could make a difference.

"It had the most incredible impact on me," said Owen. "It completely changed my perspective on what is possible."

When she returned home,



Hannah and her sister competed in a chicken and egg race through London to see who would finish first.

she started her own fundraising efforts. A conversation with friends turned into a chicken-and-egg race with her sister through the streets of London (each dressed in a costume) to see who would come first: the chicken or the egg. "It

was completely bonkers," she said, adding that they managed to raise \$5,900 that went toward education in Kenya. Over the past three years, Owen estimates she's helped to raise about \$18,500 for various causes.

She's particularly excited to hear Malala Yousafzai speak at We Day U.K. Of course, she'll also be there to see her dad take the stage.

"He has pushed me and opened the doors to that world," she says of her dad.

As for We Day U.K., Owen believes it's going to have a big impact on British youth.

"It will be a spark for an amazing cloud of positivity around the U.K."

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## Online

Visit [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) Friday afternoon for more coverage from the very first We Day in the U.K.

- Red carpet arrivals
- Photo galleries from the event
- An extended audio interview with Hannah Owen





## Debt. Pouring coffee to pay off loans? This student has a better plan

A University of Michigan-Flint senior has taken a chunk out of his tuition debt by selling ad space on his graduation cap.

The Flint Journal reports Alex Benda has raised \$5,400 US as of Thursday.

The 22-year-old is looking to rent out as much of the 100 square inches of space on his graduation cap as he can before walking across the stage to receive his degree at Perani Arena on May 4.

The idea is to cut down on his \$30,000 US student loan debt. The pledges so far have come from 45 backers on Benda's GoGet-Funding project web page.

The yield already has exceeded Benda's expectations. He figured he would raise a few hundred dollars, primarily from family.

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## What were Coke execs 'on' when they came up with this ad?

A Diet Coke ad is seen at 84th Street and First Avenue in New York City. While Coca Cola insists it's new campaign is about life's big and small "You're on" moments, many are finding it hard to ignore the phrase's more colloquial meaning — namely, you're on drugs.

DAVID ROTH/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Worth a Bad Idea patch? Girl Scouts' Barbie deal draws ire

**Advocates.** Partnership with doll-maker in the U.S. will transform little girls into 'walking ads'

America's top doll, Barbie, finds herself in controversy once again, this time over a business partnership be-

tween her manufacturer, Mattel, and the Girl Scouts.

On Thursday, two consumer advocacy groups often critical of corporate advertising tactics — the Campaign for a Commercial Free Childhood and the Center for a New American Dream — criticized Barbie as a flawed role model for little girls and launched a petition drive urging the Girl

Scouts of the USA to end the partnership. The Girls Scouts said they would not do so.

The Girl Scouts' partnership with Mattel, announced last August, includes a Barbie-themed activity book, a website, and a Barbie participation patch — the first Girl Scout uniform patch with corporate sponsorship.

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# THAT TIME WE BROKE TWITTER

**1 Celebrity selfie.** It was bound to happen, and the world can thank Ellen DeGeneres for being the first to discover that if you take a picture with the world's biggest stars on live TV, and then challenge those viewers to break a retweet record, and it's free ... somebody's setting a new retweet record. #OscarSelfie

**2 Mayor of late night.** Jimmy Kimmel's most talked-about guest was Toronto's Rob Ford. Kimmel poked some fun and showed a video montage of the mayor's various missteps, read him a letter from an angry Torontonion, and grilled him until the mayor was literally sweating. Among Ford's top comments were "the apologies are over, I'm moving on," "I wasn't elected to be perfect," and the golden quote, "Actions speak louder than words." Oh, I'm done.

**3 Pardon my French.** Quebec Premier Pauline Marois, hoping to capitalize on recent polls putting her ahead of the Liber-



THE METRO LIST  
**Mike Benhaim**  
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als, has called an election. Her goal is to achieve a majority government that will allow her to adopt her controversial Charter of Quebec Values. *No hashtags were suitable for print.*

**4 Academy hustle.** Fans of American Hustle were disappointed as the film's 10 nominations yielded zero wins. It never had a chance as host Ellen DeGeneres pointed out with my favourite line of the night: "Possibility number one, 12 Years A Slave wins best picture. Possibility number two, you're all racist."

**5 Frosty tweets.** Checking my Twitter account (@TheMetroList) while crossing the street, I stepped into a pothole that filled my boot with freezing water as a truck passed by splashing slush over the entire right side of my body, and the hashtag staring back at me was #SpringForward. Terrific. One less hour of bed rest.

## ZOOM

## How does this sound to you?



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### Q & A

### Heightened senses

Metro spoke to designer  
Emilie Baltz

**What considerations are there when matching a foodstuff to a music experience?**

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food experiences is to study the relationship between the senses. It is challenging to say there is a 'should' involved in pairing sound with food. Anything can be paired with anything; the interesting piece is the resulting emotion that is created from the mixture. Food is such a subjective, complex experience that each person reacts differently.

**What other foods do you think would work well with musical accompaniment?**

We tried marzipan, dough, cocktails, sodas and even the rogue jar of peanut butter, which did not work. Seeing as music is a rhythmic experience, the foodstuffs that beg for repetitive actions — like licking — for their ingestion are perfectly suited.

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**6 The Voice.** In this week's blind auditions, one mentor reigned supreme, collecting artist after great artist with nothing but his three previous wins and the promise of a good time. Of all the musical talent on the panel, that man was the quick-witted and charismatic Blake Shelton. #TeamBlake

**7 Dancing With the Stars.** ABC revealed their lineup for the upcoming season. Contestants include: Danica McKellar of The Wonder Years, Candace Cameron Bure of Full House, Drew Carey, and Diana Nyad who swam from Cuba to Key West last year. Hashtag is #DWTS because it's shorter than #DancingWithPeopleYouNeverHeardof, or Forgot.

**8 Puck daddy.** The Vancouver Canucks traded goaltender Roberto Luongo to the Florida Panthers, tweeted his picture with the quote, "This caught me off guard, but I'm excited. I'm going home." then deleted it! No one knows why, but it spawned a barrage of creative tweets including one with Luongo's face on a 'Get out of jail free' card, referring to Vancouver's escape from the 35-year-old's 12-year contract that still has eight years to go.

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This should not be allowed.. I for one would not want someone snapping a photo of me and posting it on the internet for everyone to see. These people deserve privacy, instead of being ridiculed.

Tuccy posted to metronews.ca

I don't think it's a big deal. The pictures aren't inappropriate, it's just a snapshot of what everyone else on the train is seeing. If you're falling asleep on public transportation and you think you deserve privacy, erm....stay awake? Go to sleep at home?? There's hardly a breach of privacy here.

RainyDays posted to metronews.ca

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## Synopsis

Based on characters from The Rocky and Bullwinkle Show, the movie stars the voice of Modern Family's Ty Burrell as Mr. Peabody, a beagle who is also the world's smartest being. Imagine Family Guy's Brian with less attitude but more PhDs. When his adopted son Sherman (Max Charles) bites schoolmate Penny (Ariel Winter) Peabody tries to smooth things by throwing a dinner for Penny's parents (Stephen Colbert and Leslie Mann). His party plan is almost derailed when Sherman and Penny hijack the WABAC device, a time machine that takes them back in time. Can Mr. Peabody rescue them before Penny's parents notice she's gone? Steve Gow sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●●



Mr. Peabody & Sherman opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

# Every dog has its day

## Reel Guys

### RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



**Mr. Peabody & Sherman.** Family flick still cuts clever for the adults in the theatre

Richard: Steve, Mr. Peabody & Sherman lacks the political bent of the original Jay Ward cartoon series, but it is loaded with references from literature, history and popular culture. It's the only kid's movie with an Oedipal joke and I can't imagine a Minion punning, "Marie Antoinette could have kept her head if she had issued an edict to distribute bread to the poor. But you can't have your cake and edict too." Which means it is stuffed with the spirit of

Ward, which is a good thing, even if it does veer off path with a sentimental father and son subplot. What did you think?

Steve: I agree 100 per cent, Richard. In fact, by dipping its proverbial toe into that father-son subplot, the film dares to touch on what other family films like Finding Nemo or The Incredibles have done better. Still, the movie's meteoric pace never lingers too long on any facet of the film and its niche truly is the ceaseless nods to historical events. My favourite had to be a clever throwback to Spartacus.

RC: I know the history element sounds dangerously educational for a mainstream

kid's flick, but the movie's trips back to ancient Egypt, the Trojan War and Leonardo Da Vinci's studio where they discover the secret of Mona Lisa's smile are really fun. They are made doubly so by great voice work. As the dim witted general Agamemnon, Patrick Warburton really stands out. He started the confident dumb guy routine on Seinfeld (as Elaine's on-and-off boyfriend Puddy) and uses it to hilarious effect here.

SG: And for those who remember the old Bullwinkle series, Ty Burrell does a pretty decent job voicing the movie's canine savant. Even more successful are the comedy's captivating visuals, especially the way director Rob Minkoff works the

3D to capture the measure of epic Trojan battles or travelling through the time-space continuum and not simply for eye-catching sight gags.

RC: The animation is top notch and like the best of Ward's work, Mr. Peabody & Sherman realizes that the material has to work on multi levels, the surface and the satirical. Like The Lego Movie, I think this movie will appeal to kids and adults.

SG: Again, I agree. The movie is a peppy, playful ride through history for all ages. In fact, it probably won't hurt either that most everyone in the audience will barely remember the old Bullwinkle cartoon.

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# Director makes nod to classic 1970s car flicks

**Need For Speed.** In the age of CGI, stuntman-turned-filmmaker Scott Waugh celebrates the visceral ride

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They just don't crash 'em like they used to.

The era of computer-generated characters, green screen fakery and motion capture magic is upon us. Film has gone digital, right down to the cameras. You might say the days of the practical stuntman — who crashed real cars and put his life on the line for a great shot — is dead and gone.

Need for Speed director Scott Waugh would beg to differ. In his movie, "all of it's real."

"The only CGI I'm doing," he says, "is painting out the cameras that I have everywhere."

Waugh, a second generation stuntman turned director, shot Need for Speed on location in Detroit with the most practical special effects possible. The classic car films of the 1960s and '70s were his inspiration.

"We still quote them," he says. "We quote Bullitt, we quote French Connection, we quote Grand Prix, Smokey and the Bandit."

"And that's what we're trying to bring back on this movie."

"All the car driving's for real, we're going the speeds we say we're going and it's really a visceral ride."

But this isn't the '70s, and modern movies often demand more and more action sequences that seem impossible to do in real life. Not a problem for Waugh. "It's just a matter of engineering it right," he says.

For just one of the film's jaw-dropping car jumps, Waugh and his team spent six months planning and getting the physics just right. For the human beings behind the wheel, it's time well spent. "When you start travelling at the speeds we're

travelling during this film, the consequences are exponential," he says.

But it's not all about the crash bang boom. Waugh knows the importance of the leading man in a good car flick, and likens Need for Speed's star Aaron Paul to the King of Cool himself. "He's one of the first people I've worked with in his age bracket that actually harnesses the Steve McQueen vibe," says Waugh of Paul.

"Steve had an incredible thing about him. He was dangerous as a person, he was charming, and he was loveable, and he was talented physically. That's a hard four to find in our current actors that are in the 20s age bracket, and he's [Aaron Paul] the only one to me that harnesses those qualities."

If you ask Waugh, the loveable Breaking Bad alumnus has the danger factor and the McQueen charm, but what about the physical part?

"I told him," laughs Waugh, "if he doesn't make it as an actor, he's got a great stunt career ahead of him."

Ratings and synopses courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes. For more movie reviews, trailers and news go to RottenTomatoes.com.

Ratings: Certified Fresh: 🍅 Fresh: 🍅 Rotten: 🍅 Audience response: 🍅 Audience anticipation for the film: +

## Action



### 300: Rise of an Empire

Director. Noam Murro

Stars. Sullivan Stapleton, Eva Green

Based on Frank Miller's latest graphic novel, Xerxes, and told in the breathtaking visual style of the blockbuster 300, this new chapter of the epic saga takes the action to a fresh battlefield on the sea as Greek general Themistocles (Sullivan Stapleton) attempts to unite all of Greece by leading the charge that will change the course of the war.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score  
Critics: 🍅 64% Audience: + 98%

## Thriller



### 3 Days to Kill

Director. McG

Stars. Kevin Costner, Amber Heard

In this heart pounding action-thriller, Kevin Costner is a dangerous international spy, who is determined to give up his high stakes life to finally build a closer relationship with his estranged wife and daughter, whom he's previously kept at arm's length to keep out of danger. But first, he must complete one last mission.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score  
Critics: 🍅 31% Audience: 🍅 53%

## Comedy



### No Clue

Director. Carl Bessai

Stars. Amy Smart, David Koechner, Brent Butt

When a low-level ad man is mistaken for a private eye by a gorgeous blonde, he pretends to be the PI she wants and offers to find her missing brother. But when the job turns violent, he realizes he's in way over his head.

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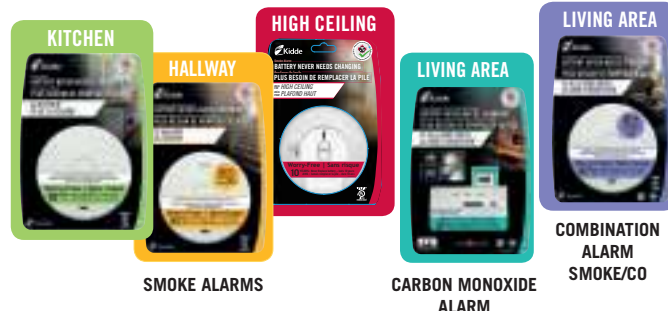


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# Villeneuve's dark twisted fantasy

**Enemy.** Actor Jake Gyllenhaal talks about breathing life into Quebec filmmaker's cinematic vision

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In many ways, 2013 was a dark year for Canadian filmmaker Denis Villeneuve and his right-hand actor, Jake Gyllenhaal. At the Toronto International Film Festival, the pair premiered two disparate — but both unsettling — films.

The one that garnered the most attention was the Hugh Jackman-fronted *Prisoners*, where Gyllenhaal plays the morally upright gumshoe Detective Loki. And while this role pulled plenty of praise for Gyllenhaal, his more difficult turn as an actor came in Villeneuve's second offering at TIFF — the mind-bending *Enemy*.

The film, based on a book called *The Double* by Portuguese writer José Saramago,



Denis Villeneuve, left, and Jake Gyllenhaal chat on the set of *Enemy*, which opens on Friday. CONTRIBUTED

delves into deep thoughts on doppelgangers. It's a heavy psycho-erotic thriller whose ending refuses to be constrained with a neat bow. Gyllenhaal plays a melancholic Toronto-dwelling history prof who learns there's a D-list actor out in Mississauga who looks exactly like him. The actor is challenged to play two characters against himself when the doubles eventually meet.

"Denis was inspired by the

book and was trying to find a really grand metropolis that matched his idea. He felt like Toronto has been shot as other places so often but not very often as itself," says Gyllenhaal, explaining the director's decision to set the story in Canada's largest city — a creative leap from the book.

The air is unsettling as the story unfurls in a grey and desolate Toronto. And as the doppelgangers continue to meet

things just get more murky. "It's about the unconscious," Gyllenhaal says of the film. "There's a dream-like nature to it. Dreams are had in the dark and they have this darkness that's really beautiful," he adds.

*Enemy* is the kind of movie that taunts us to construct meaning from a fever-dream and will leave viewers debating its meaning long after the finale. "I feel like we're all searching for a concrete answer

## Canadian Screen Awards

*Enemy* is nominated for a number of Canadian Screen Awards, including best motion picture, achievement in direction (Denis Villeneuve), performance by an actor in a leading role (Jake Gyllenhaal) and performance by an actress in a supporting role (Sarah Gadon).

to films. We want a structure that is clear and a lot of times we want a resolution that will somehow bring us comfort in a discomfiting world," says Gyllenhaal.

But even after this philosophical moment, Gyllenhaal himself can't escape that human desire to put things in order, offering his own interpretation on the tale: "I think it's about a man struggling with committing to a relationship and a marriage. It's the psychological journey, when you're trying to decide the parts of yourself to commit to and the parts of yourself to kill off," he says.

## Canadian Screen Awards

### Orphan Black, Degraasi take home hardware

The sci-fi serial *Orphan Black* heads into this weekend's Canadian Screen Awards with a leading eight trophies already under its belt. The Space smash became the TV leader at an early industry gala that bestowed acting awards to supporting actor Jordan Gavaris (who plays Felix), supporting actress Maria Doyle Kennedy (Mrs. S) and guest performer Natalie Lisinska (Aynsley).

Degraasi collected four awards in the children's or youth categories, including best series, best direction, best writing and best performance for young actor Dylan Everett (Campbell Saunders).

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- **Fan art.** When it came to how Nelvana would be illustrated, comic creator Adrian Dingle had some ideas of appropriate Arctic wear: a fur-trimmed mini-skirt, knee-high boots, matching gloves and headband, and a magical cape. While fans of the Inuit demi goddess aren't apt to wrap her in a Canada Goose jacket, they do have their own opinions about how Nelvana should look in 2014. Go to [metronews.ca/nelvana](http://metronews.ca/nelvana) to see some of their works.



**Canada's own super hero.** Captain Canuck, the boy scout with superhuman strength, has been reinvisioned for a new generation

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When it comes to updating a disco-era comic book character for an action-filled generation, you need to make some crucial changes.

"These days, the whole idea of a superhero in tights doesn't really exist," said Fadi Hakim. "You do need boots, you need armour. You need that sort of thing."

Hakim is one of the creative minds behind the revamped Captain Canuck, a red-and-white clad superhero who first leapt — he doesn't fly but he has superhuman strength — from the comic book pages in 1975.

The series was temporarily shelved in 1976, but was back in stores from 1979 to 1981. A second version of Canuck appeared in 1993, then a third in 2004, but these were both limited runs.

Fast forward a decade, where the highest rated films chronicle the ka-pows, whacks and prak-praks of the X-Men, Justice League and Dark Knight, and the time appeared right for Canuck to reemerge from the Canadian wilderness of forgotten superheroes.

A new five-part web series featuring Canuck wrapped up this week (more are planned), a live-action suit has been unveiled for public appearances, and the film rights have been bought by Minds Eye Entertainment. Fans are even creating their own art based on the characters in the series.

"He is a boy scout that is a little apologetic and tongue in cheek," said Hakim, president of Captain Canuck Inc. and owner of Toronto's Lakeview Restaurant, about this new incarnation.

You see those qualities in the first episode of the web series. Canuck weaves his way through a Canada Day crowd on Parliament Hill in a rush to defuse a bomb. "Sorry, miss," he says to a female fan before interrupting a Platinum Blonde concert to locate the explosive.



Captain Canuck saves the day. CONTRIBUTED

## Anthology

### Resurrecting Nelvana

Captain Canuck isn't the only Canadian superhero emerging from the protective hands of comic book collectors or the dog-eared, twine-tied stacks in musty basements.

Pre-dating Wonder Woman, Nelvana of the North first appeared in comics in 1941 and ran for 31 issues.

The tribal legends about the witch-like daughter of Koliak, King of the Northern Lights, inspired comic creator Adrian Dingle to pen a story about Canada's first female superhero.

CGA Comics' Hope Nicholson and her partner, Rachel Richey, launched a Kickstarter campaign last year to raise money to publish a complete anthology of all the Nelvana comics. Within five days they reached — and then doubled — their goal of \$25,000. This spring, the 350-page book will be sent out to the project's crowdfunders.

"She is amazingly drawn, she is an Inuit super goddess, which is something that is really unusual," said



Rachel Richey and Hope Nicholson. CONTRIBUTED

Nicholson. "It is extremely Canadian. She actually, in one issue, arrives on a polar bear into battle, which is where Nelvana animation got its logo of a polar bear."

To create the anthology, they went to about 13 different private and public collections across Canada to scan each page.

They managed to get all of them except for one which they could not find, said Nicholson, who also produced the Canadian superhero documentary *Lost Heroes*, currently airing on Super Channel. "It was in one private collector's collection but it was too damaged to scan, so I had to go to a reference library yesterday to get a microfiche scan." **DEAN LISK**

"Exploring Canadian identity is amazing," said Hakim. "It is very simple to play on that dry sense of humour that is almost clichéd, but we Canadians hold that dear, and it is important to us. That is what Captain Canuck is."

It was that representation of Canadian identity that first attracted Hakim to the character. He was six years old when he came across a Canuck comic at the

Dixie Flea Market near Toronto Pearson International Airport. The '70s comic followed the adventures of Tom Evans, a secret agent living in a futuristic 1993, who gains supernatural powers after an encounter with extraterrestrials.

"I had my own money, 25 cents, and I bought Captain Canuck No. 1," he said. "I didn't remember reading the story but I do remember getting as many issues as I could.

He was a patriotic character. He was vibrant. And then 'Canuck,' I didn't really know what 'Canuck' meant.

"I was born here, but am first generation, and, you know, singing O Canada in class, and the flag, and to see that in a comic book ... It puts things in perspective."

Hakim went from buying Canuck comics to introducing the character to a new generation after he met Richard Comely, the comic's

## Voicing the Captain

In the web series, Captain Canuck is voiced by Kristen Holden-Ried (*Lost Girl*, *The Tudors*), with Paul Amos (*Lost Girl*), Laura Vandervoort (*Smallville*) and Golden Globe nominee Tati Maslany (*Orphan Black*) also lending their voices to characters. The five episode series can be viewed at [captaincanuck.com](http://captaincanuck.com).

creator. Hakim wanted to use the superhero's likeness on his restaurant's menu and approached Comely to see if he would allow it.

"I took a chance and emailed Richard and I couldn't believe it when he got back to me," said Hakim.

When the license for Captain Canuck became available, Hakim acquired the rights. One of the first people he brought on board to revamp the character was Paul Gardner.

"As a kid, I came from Scotland and I discovered the comic," said Gardner, creative director at Captain Canuck Inc. "I had Captain Britain over there, and they didn't have it here. Then, I saw Captain Canuck on a shelf, picked it up and fell in love with it. My way into Canada was sort of through the comic book."

The first question they asked themselves is what they would keep from the original series. "It went from being a fantasy — the big blue sky — to how do we do this practically so we don't have fans hate us," said Gardner. "It takes a village to raise a child; it's the same as taking a property like this."

While they changed the suit, and switched the gender of the character Blue Fox from male to female, they stuck to the spirit of Captain Canuck as a big boy scout with a conscious.

"We wanted to make this all inclusive, we wanted to make sure we stuck to our female audience and brought a bit more balance to the characters," said Gardner. "There is a big female audience."

"There are no big breasts, there is none of that nonsense," said Hakim. "So far, so great. We are growing it slowly, we are keeping it independent to the point where we have enough of a following we can take it to a bigger audiences."



# The man inside the leather

How do you dress Captain Canuck? Not in tights, that's for sure, says David Pea, president of UD Replicas. "There is a lot of 'been there done that' with spandex. They can be convincing and realistic but they can also look cheap," he says.

Pea's Toronto-based company makes motorcycle suit replicas of pop culture costumes, from the Dark Knight and Man of Steel to KISS jackets and Star Wars.

"What the studios do with millions of dollars and massive budgets to create their costumes on films we have to some-

how reproduce out of leather for the public," he said.

Late last summer, Pea was approached to create a Captain Canuck suit. The costume was shown for the first time at Thursday's premiere of episode five of the animated series in Toronto.

"In the cartoon, Canuck has big shoulders, no waist and a little head, and they had to figure out how to get all that to work on a real person without it looking silly," says Pea. "It had to be done with human proportions." **METRO**

## The mask

Taken from a life cast, a clay mold was later injected with red-and-white urethane rubber (the same stuff used for car bumpers and tires). Red earpieces were later attached and blue mesh lenses were placed in the eye sockets. "It looks bad-ass," says Pea, adding Canuck wears the mask over a white balaclava.

## The maple leafs

There is the large, main maple leaf on the chest and on the back, but maple leafs were also silk-screened on each of the shoulders.

## The effect

"It doesn't matter what you are built like when you put on our stuff," says Pea. "Even if our suits are too big on you, it naturally looks skin tight because of the muscle-wrapping design we have done. He is going to look like a tank. It is going to look like he has zero body fat."

## The muscles

The Captain's shoulders, biceps, triceps, thighs and six-pack (more like eight-pack) were sculpted out of motorcycle-grade foam-body armour. The leather was then glued to the muscles and worked into the creases to make the suit look skin tight. It took more than a month to complete this phase.

## The fabrics

The jackets and pants are made from a white heavy-grained Napa leather and two types of red suede. There is darker red suede for the details and a brighter red covered in silicone hexagon print. "It is a 3D-raised print and you can feel it with your finger when you run it across it. That was a nightmare to do, I am not going to lie," says Pea. "The philosophy of the character had to fit. He is a Canadian hero, so the fact it is made of something a little sturdier than spandex makes sense with our weather."

## The boots

Also custom made, the knee-high boots are deep red with white trim. Snap buckles on the sides allow Canuck to pull them on. "These are the sexiest and coolest boots we have ever made and they scream Canada. There is no mistaking them for anyone but Captain Canuck." For the record, Canuck wears a size 11.

## Canuck talk

Captain Canuck spared a few minutes from his crime-fighting crusade to answer a few need-to-know questions. Here is what red and white had to say:

### Who is a Canadian hero?

Chris Hadfield sets an amazing example for all young Canadians — and he's one of the only men I know who can fly in space! A close second would be the True Patriot Love organization, which looks after all the men and women who risk their lives in military service.

### Who is a zero?

There's a villain named Vex giving a succubus friend of mine a hard time recently. Reminds me I've got to return her Rush CDs...

### What superhero would you like to go out with?

I don't have much of a personal life these days, but I did I hear Tessa Virtue's time has freed up recently.

### Who is more patriotic, you or Captain America?

Being a patriot is not a contest for either of us. Curling, on the other hand... **METRO**

## A brief history of comics

It's time to stop thinking 'comedians' when you hear the words 'Canada' and 'comics.' Here is a quick sampling of some of our illustrious illustrated past and present:

## Johnny Canuck

Created as a political cartoon in the 1800s, this national personification was Canada's answer to Great Britain's John Bull and the U.S.'s Uncle Sam. Just like Barbie, Canuck was depicted as everything from a soldier to a "habitant" and a lumberjack — which is the basis for the Vancouver Canuck's logo.



## Superman

We've all seen the "It will never fly" heritage moment; in 1933, Jerry Siegel and his Canadian cousin Joe Shuster created the building-leaping Man of Steel. Some of the original elements in the strip, like the name of the newspaper Clark Kent worked at, were inspired by Shuster's Toronto upbringing.

## Golden Age of comics

When the War Exchange Conservation Act banned the import of luxury goods from the United States — yes, comics included — in the 1940s, a Golden Age of comics was started in Canada. Johnny Canuck was updated and new characters, like Nelvana of the Northern Lights, were introduced.

## X-Men

Introduced in 1963, the popular comic series about humans with mutant powers had storylines take place in Canada — including how Alberta-born Wolverine had his skeleton bonded with Adamantium. The film series was partially shot in Canada, with Canuck actors portraying some of the key characters. Among them are Halifax's Ellen Page as Kitty Pryde, Shawn Ashmore as Iceman, and Canadian-born Anna Paquin as Rogue.



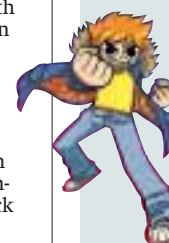
## Alpha Flight and Northstar

First appearing in a 1979 edition of Uncanny X-Men, Alpha Flight was an all-Canadian superhero team that tried to capture Wolverine and bring him back to Canada. The team is made up of French, English and First Nation characters,

and was spun-off into its own series. One member of Alpha Flight, Northstar — Montreal-born Jean-Paul Beaubier — was one of the first openly gay comic book characters, and even married his partner, Kyle Jinadu, in 2012.

## Tom McFarlane

A Calgary native, McFarlane worked on a number of famous comics in the '80s and '90s before creating his own character, the anti-hero Spawn.



## Graphic novels

In recent years, Canadian cartoonists like Seth (Palookaville), Chester Brown (Louis Riel, Paying for It) and Bryan Lee O'Malley (the Scott Pilgrim series) have received acclaim for their graphic novels. **METRO**



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# O'Neal hopes everybody will be Shaq Fu funding

**Video game.** Hoops superstar crowd-funds to revive original that was a little bit frightening

Shaq wants to be back in a video game.

Shaquille O'Neal says he's seeking redemption for Shaq Fu, his infamous fighting game originally released in 1994 that's now considered to be among the worst games ever made. The four-time NBA champion is launching a crowd-funding campaign to create a Shaq Fu follow-up titled Shaq Fu: A Legend Reborn.

In return, backers could receive anything from a pair of autographed size-22 sneakers to a pick-up basketball game and lunch with Shaq, depending on how much they donate.

"The old Shaq Fu was a 'Ha, ha, ha,'" said O'Neal in a telephone interview this week. "This will not be a 'Ha, ha, ha.'"

In the original Shaq Fu, O'Neal's character stumbles across a kung fu dojo while taking a break from playing a charity basketball game in Tokyo. He discovers a portal inside to another dimension where he engages in Mortal Kombat-like battles with such

characters as an evil mummy, voodoo priestess and cyborg police officer.

The game was derided by Shaq fans for its cheesy story, wonky controls and blatant attempt to cash in on O'Neal's superstar status. Shaq Fu prompted one group of gamers to create the site ShaqFu.com and post photos and videos of fans destroying copies of Shaq Fu in unusual ways.

"I don't think it was the worst," said O'Neal. "When you talk about the worst, you've got to talk about sales. I actually sold a lot of games, but when I did the first Shaq Fu, that was at the end of analog right before digital came out. It wasn't a bad game. It wasn't a good game, but it wasn't awful."

Unlike the original Shaq Fu released by Electronic Arts, Shaq Fu: A Legend Reborn will be a beat-'em-up game created by Big Dee Productions in the style of Streets of Rage. The studio said A Legend Reborn will feature Shaq taking on hordes of enemies with hundreds of different moves, as well as melee weapons, in various levels. The game's soundtrack will be created by Steve Molitz and feature remixed renditions of Shaq songs.

"The graphics, animation

and storyline are definitely going to be top of the line," said O'Neal.

Utilizing crowd-funding services such as Indiegogo and Kickstarter has become an increasingly popular method for game developers to fund new titles. Kickstarter said earlier this week that more money has been pledged to game projects than any other category

since the site launched in 2009.

However, that's typically for small indie or niche game-makers. Why is a multimillionaire like O'Neal asking fans to open their wallets to resurrect Shaq Fu instead of simply coming up with the cash himself?

"That's just the new way of doing business," said O'Neal, who retired from the NBA in 2011. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## What a donation to the game will get you

Shaq Fu funders who donate \$15 on the game's Indiegogo site will receive a copy of the game, while those who donate big bucks will be granted prizes and opportunities, such as:

- \$400 for admission to a

Shaq-Fu launch party; \$600 for O'Neal to record an outgoing voice mail message; \$3,000 for a size 22 sneaker signed by O'Neal; \$15,000 for lunch and a pick-up basketball game at one of O'Neal's houses.

## Name of the game

"I have a big social following, so everyone will have their hand in it. As a businessman, you have to take advantage of all available options."

Shaquille O'Neal on why he's asking fans to open their wallets to resurrect Shaq Fu



A screenshot of the video game, Shaq Fu: A Legend Reborn.

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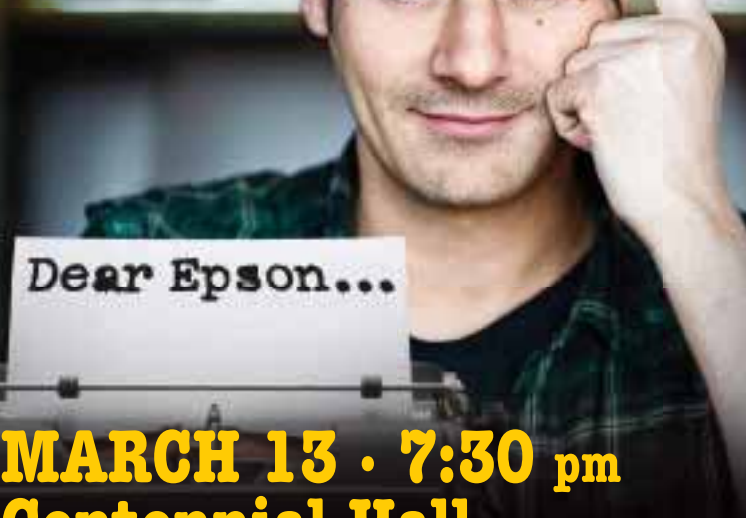
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# Gotta be room for Gus on Breaking Bad spin-off

**Better Call Saul.** Add Giancarlo Esposito to the list of Breaking Bad alumni itching to join the drama's upcoming prequel

Giancarlo Esposito says he believes there's room for his drug kingpin character Gustavo Fring in the hotly anticipated spin-off to Breaking Bad, which centres on the dealings of sleazy lawyer Saul Goodman before he hooks up with meth-maker Walter White.

"I don't know how much room but certainly it takes place pre-Walt so there is that space in that moment of time to have Gustavo realized in that show, it certainly is completely possible," Esposito said in a recent phone interview to promote an appearance at Toronto Comicon this weekend.

Speaking from the set of his current series, Revolution, in Austin, Tex., the veteran actor says he considers



Giancarlo Esposito, left, in a scene from Breaking Bad. GREGORY PETERS/AMC

the ruthless Fring to be one of the best roles of his career, and credits Breaking Bad creator Vince Gilligan with the opportunity.

He would love for their TV partnership to continue.

"My people have talked to his people," Esposito says of Gilligan, who is listed as a co-

creator on Better Call Saul.

"They're in the writers' room now so they have to formulate exactly what the show is but they've asked if

## Quoted

**"I would always love to return to them because I think Vince is brilliant at what he does and I love the cast that he put together."**

Giancarlo Esposito, on getting the chance to work on Better Call Saul

there would be any interest if they were able to figure it out. I always would love to return to them because I think Vince is brilliant at what he does and I love the cast that he put together. To be back with the Breaking Bad family is a very specific and very wonderful way to work."

The Emmy-winning Breaking Bad ended last year after five seasons.

Gilligan has said he'd welcome cameos from Breaking Bad actors in Better Call Saul, which will return Bob Odenkirk to the role of an Albuquerque attorney whose bread-and-butter is defending low-level criminals.

Breaking Bad co-star Aaron Paul, who played Walt's

student-turned-sidekick, has said he's game for revisiting Jesse Pinkman and has been in talks about bringing his character on board.

But it isn't clear if there will be room for Breaking Bad star Bryan Cranston, whose science-teacher-turned-dealer Walter White relied on Saul's money-laundering schemes as his empire grew.

One character that has reportedly been confirmed is Saul's trusted private investigator/fixer Mike Ehrmantraut, played by Jonathan Banks. And that may be Gus' avenue into the show.

Fans of Breaking Bad know that Mike also worked as security chief at Los Pollos Hermanos, the chicken chain Gus used to launder his drug spoils, and was an enforcer in Gus' drug operation.

If Gus is ever brought into the show, Esposito says he's confident it would be a natural fit to the overall Breaking Bad story.

"These writers are really good and they have a great way to be able to truthfully bring someone back."

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## Banner day for Bieber: Police arrest sleeping fan and release urine-test vid

Police in suburban Atlanta arrested a woman they say was found sleeping in a bedroom at a home rented by Justin Bieber. Police say 23-year-old Qianying Zhao was found at the home Wednesday.

She told officers she had come to attend Bieber's birthday party

and entered the unoccupied home through an unlocked door. But police say Bieber's party was earlier in the week at another location. She told officers she was Bieber's friend, but investigators believe she's one of millions of fans who follow him on Twitter. She faces

a charge of criminal trespass.

Meanwhile, a Miami police video of Justin Bieber giving a urine sample for a drug test after his arrest on driving under the influence and other charges was released Thursday, with sensitive portions

blacked out as ordered by a judge.

The clips show the 20-year-old singer standing behind a low partition to provide the sample. A black box is imposed over his lower half to conceal any glimpse of his genitalia.

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## JLaw gets off Oscar-free and couldn't be happier

Jennifer Lawrence went home empty-handed from the Oscars last weekend, but apparently that's just fine as far as she's concerned.

"Jennifer said she was so relieved she didn't win because she didn't want to go through what Anne Hathaway experienced. She's very aware that the backlash is already coming anyway," a source tells Radar Online. "She was sort of joking because her and Anne are actually friends, but she just knew that if she won the Oscar again it'd be like a target on her back."



Jennifer Lawrence

## Fatherhood brings out Cowell's soother side

While the first baby might have caught Simon Cowell somewhat off-guard, the "X Factor" boss is ready for more now that his son, Eric, has been born. "I was born to be a dad. I wouldn't rule out (more children)," he tells Extra. "I had a brother when I was younger, so I kind of think it's cool to have two or three." And the dynamic of having a newborn at home with girlfriend Lauren Silverman hasn't been exactly what he was expecting: "Lauren's actually been crying more than Eric, so I've had to put one of those pacifiers in her, which she likes," he jokes. "Has to be fed every three hours, otherwise she gets a little bit grumpy, and Eric's absolutely fine."



Simon Cowell



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## You've Gotham be kidding—Spidey star kills Batkid honour?

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Did Andrew Garfield refuse to present with Batkid at the Oscars?

If there is any truth to this rumour, Andrew Garfield may have pole vaulted past Justin Bieber and Shia LaBeouf to take the prize for most unlikable celebrity of the year. Shia just screams at Alec

Baldwin, who can probably take it; Andrew, rumour has it, broke the heart of a little boy who survived cancer.

Garfield was scheduled to appear at the Oscars on Sunday with Batkid, the little boy with cancer for whom San Francisco transformed into Gotham for a day. The Spiderman star was to take part in an official ceremony to name Batkid an official superhero. However, Garfield apparently didn't like his lines and wanted to change them.

"Garfield refused to go by the script. He came up with his own lines. The producers felt that Garfield's (rewrites) were not appropriate. Garfield

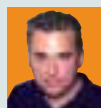
had a tantrum. He stormed off. Miles and his family, who were at the rehearsal, were devastated," a source told Page Six.

Producers decided to cut the Batkid segment from the show and sent Miles and his family to Disneyland instead — which, for a California kid, may not have been much of a thrill. I really hope Garfield's jerkishness is just a rumor, but even if he was a huge diva, it's not just him — this reflects terribly on everyone involved. Garfield, of course, comes off as a real jerk, but what would possess the Oscar producers to put such pressure on a small child in the first place?



## Liquid Assets

### Wine warms up to soup



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Not every culinary creation was designed with wine in mind. Take soup for example.

The perennial meal starter has no one flavour profile. Hundreds of different recipes exist, so anointing a single wine to lord over them all is impossible. Oh, and did I mention

soup is mostly liquid? Wine doesn't play well with like-minded matter. Its idea of a perfect marriage is something solid that it can wrap its fruit, acid and, in the case of a red, tannins around.

That said, some soup styles are more wine friendly than others. Just

look to the fundamentals of their foundation.

Those with texture are accommodating and today's veg-based recipe has weight and stability, which gives it a level of solidity wines find appealing. I like low acid reds with this veggie-palooza.

Try a bright New World

Merlot, a juicy French Beaujolais or a plump New Zealand Pinot Noir like Villa Maria's 2012 Private Bin Pinot Noir (\$19.95 - \$24.99) — a silky blend of cherry and strawberry that checks all the right boxes. **PRICES REFLECT RANGE ACROSS COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

With cold weather still gripping the nation, a steaming bowl of soup is sure to warm you up. Bestselling Australian chef Donna Hay shows us how, with this recipe from her cookbook *Fast, Fresh, Simple*.

## Dessert

### Baked Whole Lemon Pudding

- 1 thin-skinned lemon
- 1 1/2 cups (330 g) caster (superfine) sugar
- 30 g butter, melted
- 3 egg yolks
- 3/4 cup (180 ml) single (pouring) cream
- 2 tbsp cornflour (cornstarch)

Preheat oven to 160 C (325 F). Cut the lemon into 8 pieces and remove any seeds. Place in a food processor with the sugar and process until very smooth. Add the butter, egg yolks, cream and cornflour and process until smooth. Pour mixture into 4 greased 1-cup capacity (250 ml) ovenproof pie dishes. Bake for 22–24 minutes or until just set. Serve warm or cold with vanilla ice-cream.

DONNA HAY, GUSTOTV.COM



## Easy Vegetable Soup is as simple as chop, boil, simmer



This recipe serves four. BOTH PICTURES DONNA HAY



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Nothing warms you up as quickly as a bowl of soup. This one features flavour enhancers such as onion, garlic and lemon thyme leaves as well as veggies and cheese to garnish.

1. Heat a saucepan over medium-high heat.

2. Add the oil, onion, garlic and thyme and cook for 3 minutes

or until soft.

3. Add the tomato, stock, carrot, zucchini and parsnip.

4. Cover and bring to the boil. Allow to simmer rapidly for 15 minutes or until the vegetables are tender.

5. To serve, ladle into bowls and top with salt, pepper and Parmesan. **WATCH DONNA HAY FAST, FRESH, SIMPLE THURSDAYS STARTING AT 10 P.M. EST/PT ON GUSTO TV, CANADA'S NEW FOOD & LIFESTYLE CHANNEL. VISIT GUSTOTV.COM FOR FULL PROGRAM LINE-UP AND MORE GREAT RECIPE IDEAS.**

## Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 teaspoons lemon thyme leaves
- 2 cups (500 ml) tomato purée (tomato sauce)
- 2 cups (500 ml) chicken stock
- 1 carrot, peeled and grated
- 1 zucchini (courgette), peeled and grated
- 1 parsnip, peeled and grated
- sea salt and cracked black pepper
- finely grated Parmesan, to serve

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# Bling on summer in the backyard

**DIY.** For a deluxe take on outdoor living, turn a gazebo into a media room or amp up your grilling style

Vanilla Ice may have a cool name, but the rock-star-turned-home-improvement guru knows how to heat up a backyard. With a passion for modern features and luxurious amenities, Ice doesn't just renovate — he adds style and swagger.

With spring around the corner, consider spicing up your own backyard to make it worthy of its own music video.

## Pimp out the gazebo

Gazebos provide a refuge out of the sun and a relaxing place for friends and family to kick back. To take the traditional gazebo to the next level, install a projector to the ceiling and hang a screen at the back to enjoy late night movies or the big

## The Vanilla Ice Project

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game. Once a television cable or DVD player is attached, invite the neighbours over for an extravagant block party.

## Step up your grilling game

Kick that old barbecue to the curb and replace it with a new grill that features more burners, an infrared rotisserie burner and night lights for evening cooking. To spend less time inside and more time cooking with friends, recreate an entire outdoor kitchen with a mini-fridge, sink, prep area, and stove. Outdoor kitchens can be entirely customized or bought in pieces, making them easy to fit in virtually any space.

## Raise the bar

For when a pool just isn't enough to beat the heat, a swim-up bar can keep the backyard cool. Swim-up bars are no longer just for resorts and are becoming more popular in residential pools. Not only do they have a vacation feel, they're practical for entertaining guests or just taking a break from pool sports. When planning the design, consider seating, sun angles, and storage for popular drink favourites and cups.

## Light my fire

Don't stop enjoying the outdoors because of fall weather. An outdoor fireplace can add warmth and light to dark, chilly evenings. While smaller, temporary fireplaces are great for flexibility, built in brick or stone fireplaces provide first-class elegance. They're great for intimate evenings together or a classic camp fire singalong. Check with local authorities before beginning, as some areas prohibit decorative fires.



Outdoor kitchens can be customized to fit almost any space. ISTOCK



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## Hounds released on Knights in Thursday night tilt

London's Chris Tierney, right, wrestles the puck away from Alex Gudbranson as the Knights face the Soo Greyhounds on Thursday at Budweiser Gardens. The Knights were leading 1-0 at Metro's deadline after Ryan Rupert found the net early in the second. Check metronews.ca for full coverage.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

### OHL

## Zadorov named February's top defenceman

The London Knights' Nikita Zadorov has been named top OHL defenceman for February.

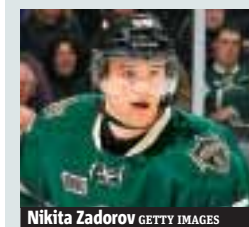
The 18-year-old Buffalo Sabres prospect earned 13 points in 12 games, helping the Knights on the way to 11 wins.

He recorded five multi-point games.

Zadorov is playing in his second season with the Knights and was picked up 16th overall by the Sabres in the 2013 draft.

He played seven NHL games this season before being sent back to London.

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Nikita Zadorov GETTY IMAGES

# Whalers goalie earns top billing

**Alex Nedeljkovic.** Ohio product impressing scouts with stellar play between pipes

Many hockey fans might not know of Alex Nedeljkovic, but NHL scouts definitely do.

The 18-year-old Plymouth Whaler is rated as the top CHL goaltender in this year's NHL draft based on Central Scouting's mid-season rankings. Not bad considering

that he plays for a rebuilding, eighth-place Plymouth squad that has had difficulty trying to secure a playoff berth for a 23rd consecutive season.

"There's a lot of great goalies around the country and around the world, so (the No. 1 CHL goaltender ranking) is a really big honour and I'm really proud of myself for what I've done," said Nedeljkovic.

"But I know that, right now, it's just a ranking. It means something, but it doesn't mean as much as what's going

### Quoted

**"This year, with the pressure of being the No. 1 goaltender rated (for the NHL draft), he's exceeded those expectations as far as I'm concerned."**

Plymouth coach Mike Vellucci on goaltending standout Alex Nedeljkovic.

to happen on draft day. The big picture is that you want to be an elite draft (pick) and you

want to have a place that you can go to."

The place where he is from — Parma, Ohio, in suburban Cleveland — is not known as a hockey hotbed. But Nedeljkovic has overcome seemingly long odds to excel among North America's best junior players.

Heading into Thursday night's game against Niagara in St. Catharines, Ont., Nedeljkovic sported a 23-26-0-7 record in a whopping 57 games played along with a 2.96 goals-against average and .924 save

percentage. He was named the most recent CHL goaltender of the week as he posted a 2-0-0-1 record and earned his first shutout of the season.

Nedeljkovic won the OHL's F.W. "Dinty" Moore Trophy in 2012-13 for posting the best goals-against average (2.28), along with a 19-2-1-1 record. He also backstopped the Whalers to the Western conference finals, stopping 61 shots over eventual-champion London, before the Knights ousted them in five games.

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Andrew Wiggins has likely played his final game at Allen Fieldhouse for Kansas. GETTY IMAGES FILE

# Wiggins won't play in Kansas anymore

## NCAA basketball.

Planning on entering NBA draft, freshman phenom from Canada speaks fondly of support playing in front of Jayhawks fans

Andrew Wiggins remembers sitting in the bleachers of Allen Fieldhouse long after the final whistle, watching as the crowd showered the departing Kansas players with love.

It may not have been that

### Quoted

**"I've been blessed by a good team, great coaches and the greatest fans a team could ask for."**

Andrew Wiggins on playing his last game as a Jayhawk at Kansas's Allen Fieldhouse

exact moment that the nation's No. 1 recruit decided he would play his only season of college basketball with the Jayhawks. But the outpouring of support on senior night certainly played a role in his decision, one that he doesn't regret for a moment.

"It went too quick," Wiggins said late Wednesday after his own version of senior

night, tucked away in a small room not far from those stands where he sat a year ago.

"I wish I had more time to stay here and do my thing, just be here with the team and the coaches and all these wonderful fans," Wiggins said, thoughtfully. "That's one of the reasons I committed here. I came here on senior night and the fans were so loyal."

Wiggins arrived at Kansas with nearly unattainable expectations, yet he's lived up to just about all of them. He's averaging 16 points and nearly six rebounds, numbers that may seem modest at first glance but are even more impressive considering the way he shares the ball.

To be perfectly clear, Wiggins has never led anybody on. He made it clear from the outset that he would head to the NBA next season, and after having one of the best freshman campaigns in Kansas history, he's certain to be a lottery pick if not the No. 1 overall choice. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Torii Hunter  
GENE PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Tigers face spring camp gator

Torii Hunter puckered up next to the mouth of a wide-eyed alligator and it was hard to tell if the fun-loving Detroit outfielder was more amused or terrified.

"He was calm," Hunter said of the unexpected visitor to spring training. "I guess he's used to being around people."

Hunter and the Tigers are laughing their way toward opening day, approaching

spring camp with a mix of relaxed lightheartedness and serious focus under new manager Brad Ausmus.

Whether it's a player posing with a reptile or a backup catcher donning a women's swimsuit next to Kate Upton, the three-time AL Central champions certainly look like they're the class of the majors when it comes to viral photos.

"At the end of the day, we're

playing a game," Cy Young winner Max Scherzer said. "We're playing a game for a living, and you've got to have fun in this game, because there's so much failure, inherently, within baseball."

Hunter said he puckered but didn't actually kiss the alligator, whose arrival was apparently the result of a visit by some players to a nearby theme park. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Cadillac Championship. Thunderstorms test new Blue Monster, Woods

Tiger Woods only made it through 10 holes Thursday, this time because of the weather, not his back.

The debut of the new "Blue Monster" course and Woods' return received an incomplete grade when the opening round of the Cadillac Championship was halted more than two hours by menacing thunderstorms.

Harris English, one of only six to finish the round, hit 5-iron into the par-3 ninth hole and rolled in a 45-foot birdie putt for a 3-under 69.

The course and the world's No. 1 player showed enough.

Woods, who walked off after 13 holes Sunday in the Honda Classic because of lower back pain and spasms, said he felt good during the delay. His golf didn't look all that great. He was 2 over par through 10 holes, ending the day with a wedge that came up some 20



Tiger Woods  
JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

yards short of his target, leading to a three-putt for bogey from about 55 feet.

Trump National Doral, completely overhauled by Gil Hanse, showed plenty of bite on a windy, cloudy afternoon.

"Mr. Trump wanted a very tough test on the Blue Monster, and I think that's what he got," English said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Ryder Cup. McGinley names two vice-captains on European squad

### Quoted

**"If I could do a tenth for Paul's team of what he did for my team, we will both be very happy men."**

Sam Torrance on being selected as a vice-captain by Paul McGinley.

Europe captain Paul McGinley selected Sam Torrance and Des Smyth as two of his vice-captains on Thursday for this year's Ryder Cup against United States at Gleneagles.

Torrance captained Europe to victory in the 2002 event, when McGinley holed the winning putt at the Belfry. The 61-year-old Smyth has played in the Ryder Cup twice and was Ian Woosnam's assistant in the 2006 competition at the K Club.

McGinley said his other assistants will be announced after the team is formalized in September.

### Possible sedition charges

## Kashmiri students expelled for backing Pakistan cricket team

Dozens of Kashmiri students were expelled from their university and threatened with sedition charges because they cheered for the Pakistani cricket team during a televised match against India, police said Thursday.

Authorities were trying to track down the 66 students for questioning to

determine whether sedition charges are appropriate, police officer N.K.S. Chauhan said. Sedition carries a possible life sentence.

The fracas over Sunday's match — which Pakistan won — shows how easily passions are inflamed over Kashmir, a divided Himalayan territory that both countries claim. Insurgents have been fighting for Kashmir's independence or its merger with Pakistan since 1989.

Several of the students said their expulsion reeks of discrimination.

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## Hitting the ice is twice as nice for Stamkos

Not only did Tampa Bay Lightning star Steven Stamkos make his return to action against Buffalo on Thursday after missing 45 games with a broken right shin, but the club also announced he had taken over as team captain. Stamkos, seen here in pregame introductions, received a standing ovation when it was revealed he would be taking over the 'C' from former captain Martin St. Louis who was traded to the New York Rangers on Wednesday in exchange for Ryan Callahan. Callahan also made his debut for the Lightning in their game against the Sabres. MARK CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

# NHL reduces Devils' Kovalchuk penalty

**Hockey.** New Jersey keeping first-round pick, fine reduced

The NHL reduced its penalty against the New Jersey Devils on Thursday for signing Ilya Kovalchuk in 2010.

The Devils will keep the first-round draft pick they were scheduled to forfeit this year, and the league will reduce the \$3-million fine assessed against the team for circumventing the NHL-NHLPA collective bargaining agreement.

The Devils recently applied to the league for reconsideration and relief from a portion of the original penalty, citing primarily changes in circumstances which, in the club's view, changed the appropriateness of the sanctions.

The NHL did not spell out what changed, but Kovalchuk retired after last season and returned to Russia to play



Former New Jersey Devils forward Ilya Kovalchuk. JASON DECROW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

there.

The league said the Devils will be entitled to the 30th selection overall — the last pick in the first round — in the 2014 draft.

They will not be permitted to trade or transfer its right to that pick.

Kovalchuk, who had been

acquired by the Devils in February 2010, became a free agent at the end of that season.

New Jersey signed him to a 17-year, \$102-million deal but the league ruled what would have been the longest contract in NHL circumvented the salary cap and rejected it.

Arbitrator Richard Bloch heard the union's appeal and nullified the deal.

The Devils eventually signed the Russian to a 15-year, \$100-million contract deal. However, the NHL ruled the original contract tried to get around the salary cap and penalized the three-time Stanley Cup champions.

The Devils had already forfeited a third-round draft pick in 2011. The team also had a first-round draft pick taken from them in the ruling handed down by an independent arbiter, but they had the right to defer until 2014.

The Devils kept deferring the loss of the first-round pick, which they were due to lose in June.

The NHL said it would not comment further on the decision.

Devils president and general manager Lou Lamoriello was not immediately available for comment.

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## UFC. Why Johnny needs to be good but ruthless too

Just 13 weeks after walking away from his title, Georges St-Pierre is not forgotten. But he is devalued.

Once ranked among mixed martial arts' pound-for-pound elite, the former UFC welterweight champion from Montreal is finding past glory doesn't last long.

"I can't think backwards," said top 170-pound contender Johnny (Bigg Rigg) Hendricks. "I've got to think forwards."

"Look at our division. It's a pretty stacked division. Very talented people in the top 10 and now that Georges has walked away, it's time for one of us to make our own mark."

Hendricks, who lost a controversial split decision to St-Pierre at UFC 167 last November, gets another shot at the welterweight crown March 15 when he faces veteran (Ruthless) Robbie Lawler at UFC 171 to decide St-Pierre's successor.

The 32-year-old St-Pierre vacated the title in December, saying he needed time away from the sport.

While some saw only St-Pierre's ability to blunt his opponent's strengths, others criticized the champion for not taking risks.

### Keeping his guard up

**"With guys who can knock people out, you're only one punch away from losing"**

UFC fighter Johnny Hendricks explains why Robbie Lawler is a dangerous opponent

Facing St-Pierre was death by a thousand cuts. Fighters like Hendricks and Lawler offer one-blow blunt force trauma.

In MMA, you're only as good as your last fight. And St-Pierre's last offering was gritty but unconvincing.

Hendricks (15-2) said that he sees Lawler (22-9 with one no contest) as a more dangerous opponent than St-Pierre.

The 30-year-old Hendricks is the top-ranked contender in the 170-pound division while Lawler is No. 3.

No. 2 Carlos (The Natural Born Killer) Condit, who lost to Hendricks at UFC 158, takes on No. 11 Tyrone Woodley (12-2) in the UFC 171 co-main event. Condit says he has been told a win will earn him another title shot.

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Ruthless Robbie Lawler celebrates victory over Rory MacDonald of Canada at UFC 167 in Las Vegas on November 16. ISAAC BREKKEN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Curling

## Alberta stays on top at the Brier

After a four in the first end, Alberta's Kevin Koe struggled a little against Prince Edward Island Thursday but still stayed in first place with a 9-6 win at the Canadian men's curling championships.

Koe flashed and let Eddie MacKenzie score three in the fourth end and the Islanders were even able to steal a point against Alberta, a rare occurrence at this Tim Hortons Brier.

At 3-7, MacKenzie is out of playoff contention but

jockeying for the fourth and final spot was hot and heavy between Ontario and Saskatchewan.

Steve Laycock was down 4-0 in the second but came back to edge Greg Balsdon of Ontario 8-7 in an extra end and at 6-3, fourth place is now Saskatchewan's to lose.

Quebec is next at 5-4 after a 7-5 win over the Territories led by Jamie Koe, Kevin's brother. In the only other afternoon game, James Gratton of New Brunswick kept his hopes alive and improved to 5-5, tied with Newfoundland and Labrador, by beating winless Jamie Murphy of Nova Scotia 6-5.

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

Don't be afraid to disagree with authority. You respect the fact that they outrank you but you also know that if you do as they say you will regret it. Aries is the first sign of the zodiac so put your needs first.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may be willing to change your plans to help someone out today but don't let them tell you that you are obliged to do so. Let them know this is a one-off situation.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may be annoyed that a loved one failed to consult you before taking a course of action that affects you, but don't let it show. Frankly, there are more important things you should be focusing on.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The journey you have started on may be long and hard but you are determined to reach the end, and with Jupiter on your side again there is no doubt you will succeed. Do you believe that? You should.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The planets urge you not to plan too far ahead because even routine matters are likely to change over the days, weeks and months to come. You also need to be flexible.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It's possible to be too generous and at some point today you will realize that your sympathy for someone was misplaced. There is no point getting angry about it, but try not to make the same mistake twice.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You have a tendency to fear the worst but with Jupiter moving in your favour again you will be visualizing all sorts of wonderful things. Good. What's in your mind's eye today will be reality tomorrow.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Someone you meet over the next few days will inspire you creatively and maybe romantically too. Will this new liaison stand the test of time? There is no way of knowing but it will be fun finding out!

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Someone will offer what sounds like good advice today but the planets warn they are thinking of their interests rather than yours. Listen to your inner voice.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

No matter how well you have planned things, there are sure to be hold-ups and disruptions today and over the weekend. Promise yourself that you won't get angry with people who move and think slowly.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You are unsure whether to push ahead with a new plan or to hold back and see how things develop. Hopefully it will be the former. The longer you wait, the more likely it is others will get ahead of you.

### Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

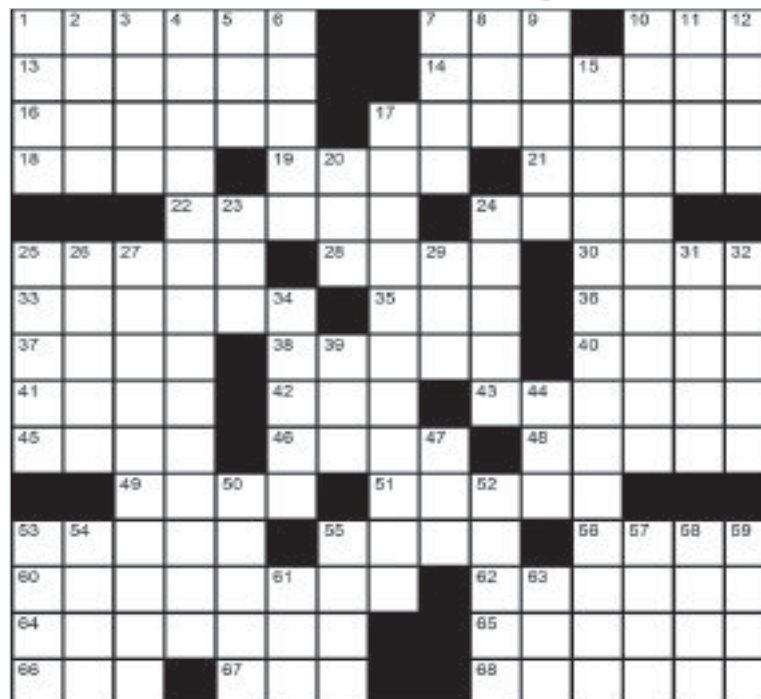
Someone you are fond of has made a silly mistake and feels bad about it. Give them an uplifting pep-talk. It's what they do next that counts.

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## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. British Columbia city
7. US cable channel
10. Li'l music trio
13. City in northern Spain
14. The Wind in the Willows writer, Kenneth
16. Put down floor tiles again, say
17. Fashionable-no more
18. Towering
19. Ms. Andrews, new "Dancing with the Stars" co-host
21. Tears apart
22. Dietary designation on food packages
24. Baroque painter, Guido (b.1575 - d.1642)
25. Monastery boss
28. Extinct bird of Mauritius
30. Isle of exile for Napoleon
33. Mil. officers
35. Cacharel perfume
36. Unappealing food
37. "Cold Mountain" (2003) heroine, and others
38. Indiana basketball
40. Ms. Pinkett Smith
41. Ms. Campbell
42. Granny, in Germany
43. German actress Diane



45. From the beginning
46. He-sovereign
48. Bird's task, building
49. To laugh: French
51. Of prophets
53. Get the answer
55. Jean Arp's art
56. Zap
60. Plato title character

- ter...a work by the ancient philosopher in which Socrates also features
62. 'The Cold Capitol Project' Hip-Hop artist from Ottawa, F.
64. Vexing
65. Amends-making person
66. Top with jeans

67. NBC show [acronym]
68. Lady's title in Spain

### Down

1. Type
2. Iris spot
3. Streamlet
4. TV series, "The \_\_\_ of Vancouver"
5. Q. "What's actor

- Mr. Asner's first name?" A. "\_\_\_, \_\_\_ believe."
6. Sing, Alps-style
7. "Son of \_\_\_!"
8. "The A-Team" star, \_\_\_
9. Inner circle
10. 1931 Emily Carr painting, Zunoqua of the \_\_\_

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11. Captain Hook's sidekick
12. Mr. Beatty's
15. Yukon locale, the 'Gateway to Klunene': 2 wds.
17. #10-Down's painting type: 3 wds.
20. Gnarly!
23. \_\_\_ & \_\_\_ (Telecommunications company)
24. Howard \_\_\_ (The Fountainhead architect)
25. Rod Stewart's first wife
26. VP Joe
27. Body of water on Montreal's Mount Royal: 2 wds.
29. Bambi's mother
31. Foretells
32. Isolated
34. Talked
39. Friend...en français
44. Actress Aishwarya
47. \_\_\_ about (Rove)
50. Additional attempts
52. Spanish appetizers
53. Saliva
54. Elbe tributary
55. Fencing fight
57. Cornerstone word
58. Suffix with 'Game'
59. Vampire Weekend singer Mr. Koenig
61. '70s President (Monogram)
63. Path [abbr.]

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku

3	5	8	2	9	4	6	7	1
6	2	7	5	1	3	4	9	8
4	9	1	7	6	8	5	2	3
8	7	2	3	4	9	1	6	5
1	3	9	6	2	5	7	8	4
5	4	6	8	7	1	2	3	9
7	1	5	9	8	2	3	4	6
9	6	3	4	5	7	8	1	2
2	8	4	1	3	6	9	5	7

			6				8	5
	2		5				6	
		1			7	9		
8				2	9			
	3	9					4	2
			3	7				8
		2	7			1		
	7				2		4	
3	4				6			

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